

CDM Japan 2013: Gaming & Animation

Nov 29 (Fri) – Dec 13 (Fri), 2013

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Who are going?


- 22 students
 - 20 undergraduate + 2 graduate
 - Breakdown by majors:
 - 5 Gaming majors
 - 13 Animation majors
 - 3 CS majors
 - 1 Graphic Design major
 - 11 male + 11 female
- “Japanese-speaking” members
 - Both instructors -- native 😊
 - Some students – basic to intermediate levels



What courses are involved?

- Undergraduate
 - IT 398 (Fall 2013) and ANI 390 /MOL 398 (Winter 2014)
 - Graduate
 - IT 599 (Fall 2013)
 - Registration is done by the students
 - ➔ The Study Abroad office will notify the course number(s) to the accepted students.
 - Trip cost (\$3,935) + Tuition (8 hrs for UG, 4 hrs for Grad)
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How do the courses work?

- Course meetings
 - 4-5 times in each quarter, on Friday afternoons.
 - Graduate students come one time in Winter 2014.
 - Attendance is mandatory.
 - Assignments
 - 3 pre-trip assignments + 2 post-trip assignments.
 - No exams, but FINAL PROJECT.
 - Letter grades (A,B,C etc.) will be given (just like any other course).
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Course Meetings

✿ Fall 2013 [IT 398/599]

1. 9/13 (Fri) – Program overview, Mock game jam
2. 9/20 (Fri) – Mock game jam presentations,
Various topics on Japanese game/anime
3. 10/4 (Fri) – Various topics on Japanese game/anime
4. 11/1 (Fri) – Research paper (Assign #2) presentations
5. 11/22 (Fri) – Trip logistics

✿ Winter 2014 [ANI 390 / MOL 398]

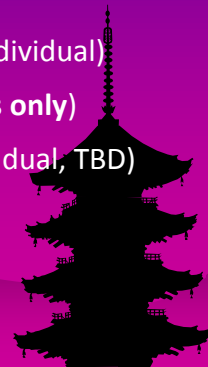
1. TBD – Reflections
2. TBD – Final project meeting
3. TBD – Final project presentations
4. TBD – Final project presentations



Course Assignments

✿ Five assignments:

1. **[Pre]** Mock Game Jam (group activity -> individual review & report)
2. **[Pre]** Research paper (individual)
3. **[Pre]** Questions to ask at companies (individual)
4. **[Post]** Trip journal (individual; **UG students only**)
5. **[Post]** Final paper/project (group or individual, TBD)



What is the Itinerary?

- ✿ November 29 (Fri, aka “Black Friday”)
 - American Airlines (AA) #153
 - 12:29 pm Chicago/O’Hare →
 - 4:40 pm (next day, Nov 30) Tokyo/Narita
- ✿ December 13 (Fri)
 - Japan Airlines (JAL) #3084 / American Airlines (AA) #5896
 - 2:50 pm Nagoya →
 - 4:00 pm Tokyo/Narita
 - American Airlines (AA) #154
 - 6:45 pm Tokyo/Narita →
 - 3:40 pm (same day, Dec 13) Chicago/O’Hare



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	11/29 12:25 pm Leave Chicago (AA #153)	11/30 4:40 pm Arrive Tokyo/Narita Bus to hotel ----- Tokyo
12/1	12/2 Geisha Tokyo	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7 Free Day (in Tokyo)
----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo	----- Tokyo
12/8 ≈ 9:00 am Leave Tokyo for Kyoto (by Shinkansen) ≈ 12:00 pm Arrive Kyoto Sightseeing or Tezuka museum	12/9	12/10 Trident Game Jam	12/11 Trident Game Jam	12/12 Trident Game Jam	12/13 ≈ 12:30 pm Bus/train to Nagoya airport 2:50 pm Leave Nagoya (JL #3084) 4:00 am Arrive Narita 6:40 pm Leave Narita (AA #154) 3:35 pm Arrive Chicago	12/14
----- Kyoto	----- Kyoto	----- Nagoya	----- Nagoya	----- Nagoya		

Map/Geography of Japan



Shinkansen



List of Shinkansen Lines:
(click on each line for more details)

Tokaido Shinkansen

Train Categories:
Nozomi, Hikari, Kodama

Sanyo Shinkansen

Train Categories:
Mizuho, Nozomi, Sakura, Hikari, Kodama

Tohoku Shinkansen (and Yamagata and Akita Shinkansen)

Train Categories:
Hayabusa, Hayate, Yamabiko, Nasuno, Komachi (Akita), Tsubasa (Yamagata)

Joetsu Shinkansen

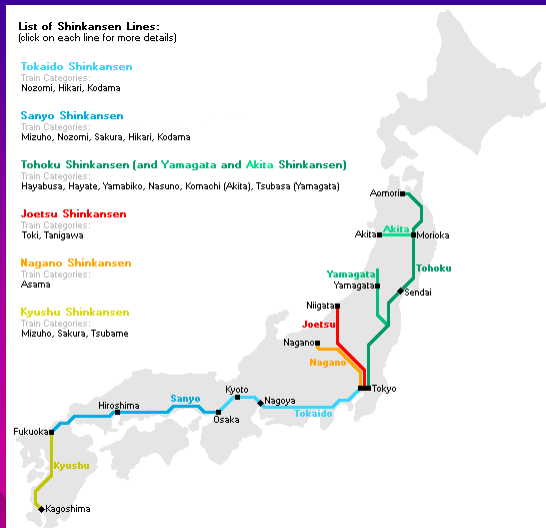
Train Categories:
Toki, Tanigawa

Nagano Shinkansen

Train Categories:
Asama

Kyushu Shinkansen

Train Categories:
Mizuho, Sakura, Tsubame



Activities & Places to Visit (1)

🌸 Tokyo

1. Several gaming and animation companies (TBD).
 - [Geisha Tokyo](#) – AR games, social games
 - Several animation/motion graphics companies
2. [Akihabara](#) – The electronics/electric town.
Also the Mecca for Anime fans.
3. [Ghibli Museum](#) – Miyazaki's museum.
4. Other art museums.
5. Several cultural/historic sites.



Tokyo



- 🌸 Tokyo is Japan's capital and the country's largest city.
- 🌸 A huge and *dense* metropolitan city with 8-12 million people
(vs. 3-9 million in Chicago).





At Geisha Tokyo (with Mr. Tanaka, President)



At Ghibli Museum

Activities & Places to Visit (2)

🌸 Kyoto, Nagoya

1. A few gaming and/or animation studios (TBD).
 - [Nippon-Ichi Software](#)
 - A social game company (in Osaka)
2. Sightseeing tour (in Kyoto)
3. [Osamu Tezuka manga museum](#)
4. A 3-day **Mini Game Jam** with [Trident Computer School](#) (in Nagoya)
5. Kyoto Manga museum (possibly)
6. “Cultural experience” activities (possibly)

Kyoto



- ✿ Japan's ancient capital.
- ✿ Countless temples, shrines and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today.
- ✿ 2 ½ hour Shinkansen ride from Tokyo.



Nagoya



- ✿ Japan's third-largest economic center
- ✿ Between Tokyo and Kyoto (and 1 2/3 hour Shinkansen ride from Tokyo).
- ✿ The Toyota Motor Corporation maintains its headquarters just outside of Nagoya.



At Trident school (2010 above; 2011 below)





Osamu Tezuka Memorial Museum (in Takarazuka)



Exhibits at Osamu Tezuka Museum



Trip Cost includes:

- ✿ Airfare
- ✿ Hotels (w/ breakfast included or allowance paid in cash)
 - Twin and triple rooms
 - Every room is internet-ready.
- ✿ All ground transportation
- ✿ Sightseeing tours
- ✿ Admissions to museums and historic sites
- ✿ 2 to 3 Group Dinners
 - Karaoke, anyone???



Additional Cost

- ✿ Lunches
 - Est. 600-1000 yen per meal
- ✿ Dinners
 - Est. 1000-1500 yen per meal
- ✿ Snacks, beverages, drinks
 - e.g. A can (330ml) of coke is 120-150 yen
- ✿ Other personal interests & necessities
 - Souvenirs

