

Program Overview

ALPHA Education offers an eight-week full or a six-week audit summer program to international and Canadian students. The summer program promotes critical inquiry of sustainable peacebuilding, through the lens of the history and legacies of World War II in Asia. Students in the full program will complete a research project in an area of their interest that at the same time contributes to ALPHA Education's various programs and initiatives.

Learning Modules



Overview of World War II in Asia

Critical perspectives through the lens of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals

Racism & War

Examine how racism, imperialism, and colonialism are antithetical to sustainable peacebuilding

Learning from History

Examine the importance of peacebuilding by understanding the history of WWII in Asia

Justice & Peace

Examine how justice contributes to sustainable peace

- The summer program is provided via Canvas, with Zoom for live discussions.
- Instructions to sign up for a free Canvas account will be provided.
- Access to a computer and internet is required.

How to Apply

- Students registering from any university that has a formal partnership with ALPHA Education should apply only through their respective universities.
- All other interested students, complete the online application
- A Zoom interview will be conducted prior to registration confirmation

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Program Requirements

All students will participate in a mandatory six-week course, which includes:

- Weekly readings, viewings, discussions, and assignments
- Weekly Zoom student-led discussions and presentations by staff
- An exit survey at the end of the program

Requirements for audit program (6 weeks)

• A reflection essay of 800 words

Requirements for full program (8 weeks)

- A research project that is supervised by ALPHA Education staff
- Presentation on the research project
- A reflection essay of 1000 words

Note 1: If the summer program is completed through a partner university or institution, other requirements may apply.

Note 2: Students who are participating as part of a credit course/program will be assessed according to the partnership agreement provided between the university and ALPHA Education.

All students who meet the program requirements will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program.



Research Project

Full-time students will help develop an ALPHA Education project on peace. Students will...

- Explore sustainable peacebuilding initiatives through the context of WWII in Asia
- Apply interdisciplinary understanding and skills to history and peace education
- Work independently and collaboratively towards goals in a not-for-profit organization
- Contribute to ALPHA Education's resource development

Learning Outcomes

- Understand issues of war and peace through the context of the significance of World War II in Asia
- Develop historical thinking and cultural empathy
- Improve research skills, application, and technology skills
- Enhance cross-cultural understanding and networks
- Gain experience working with a charitable organization





ALPHA Education is a non-profit and registered charity in Canada. It promotes a critical-historical inquiry of World War II in Asia that contributes to peace and reconciliation. Through its programs, events, and initiatives, ALPHA Education aims to develop the values of humanity, equity, and diversity.

By representing and reflecting the human side of the history in our work, contemporary issues such as racism, discrimination and hate, gender bias and violence, ethics and empathy, identity and belonging are explored.