

Placing Together Peace
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ALPHA Ed. HAP Program



Global Issues through Historical Perspectives

2025-2026

Who We Are

ALPHA Education is a Canadian non-profit, charity organization dedicated to global humanity and peace through remembrance, social justice, and critical inquiry of an often overlooked history of WWII in Asia, and its ongoing relevance.

Through our museum, education programs, research projects, and community events, students, educators and the public contribute towards historical memory and global peace building.

Overview

In partnership with the University of Michigan's Global Scholars Program, ALPHA Education has designed this program to provide

- self-directed learning individually and as a team
- experiential learning in the form of small team projects

Together, they enable GSP students to explore the connections between war history and peace building, and their interests in global issues with their future goals.

This program is also designed to meet the goals of the Global Engagement Project which are ethical decision-making, empathy, and social engagement.

Program Components

1. Online readings, videos, and peer discussion to explore global issues arising from and connected to WWII in Asia.
2. Fall whole team and Winter small team projects. In the Fall conduct a campus survey on youth leadership, human rights, and peacebuilding. Using the Fall data, the Winter project is to design a youth leadership program for ALPHA Education.

The program will be conducted via Canvas and Zoom. Registration for a Canvas account will be provided. Access to a computer and the internet is required.

To register:

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What You Will Gain

- **Understanding of WWII in Asia and peacebuilding** – explore the connections between war, memory, and their ongoing relevance.
- **Real-world impact** – pitch a meaningful youth leadership program that supports an NGO and promotes social change.
- **Practical experience** – work in teams and with a charitable non-profit organization serving diverse communities.
- **Sharpen your skills** in research, critical thinking, collaboration, and project management through hands-on team projects.
- **Grow as a global citizen** – reflect with peers, engage diverse perspectives, and learn in an inclusive space that values every voice.



What You'll Do

Participate in self-directed learning and online discussions on key topics that connect WWII in Asia to peacebuilding. Explore one required topic (WWII in Asia: Consequences and Continuity) and one additional topic of your choice:

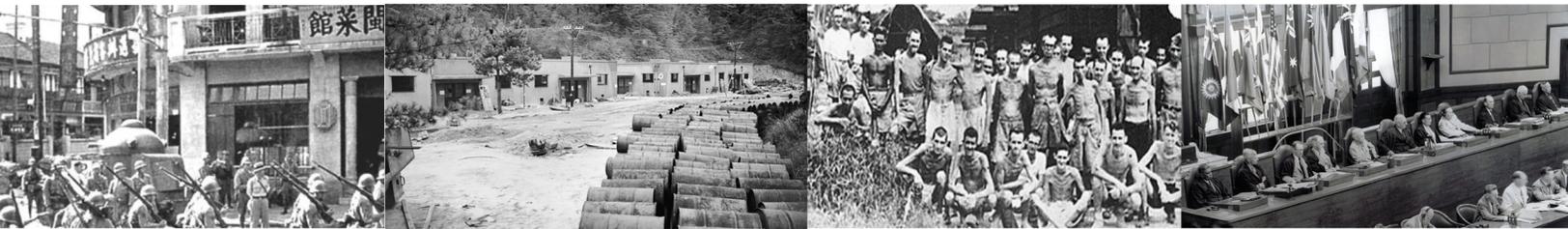
1 | World War II in Asia:
Consequences and
Continuity

2 | Science
and War
Atrocities

3 | Gender
Exploitation and
Violence

4 | International
Agreements/Conventions
and Victims of War

You'll engage with readings and videos, post your thoughts, and respond to peers' questions on Canvas with support from ALPHA staff.



Fall and Winter Semester Projects

You will work with a charitable organization on team-based projects that strengthen collaboration, research, global thinking, empathy, and ethical decision-making. Each project is completed within one semester and builds on what you learn through self-directed study and online discussions.

Fall Project

- Work as a full CG team to design and conduct a survey on youth perspective and priorities in peacebuilding and leadership.
- Analyze the data and create a report with recommendations for ALPHA Education's youth programs.

Winter Project

- Work in teams of 3-4 to design a youth leadership program based on your Fall findings.
- Pitch your proposal to ALPHA Education staff, with creative and strong ideas to be used in future development of programs for young people.