



Japan



Technology and Culture: Communication and Games

What's this program about?

Hosted in Japan, this program offers students a unique opportunity to examine the relationship between culture and technology use in the context of Japanese communication and gaming. Industry site visits will provide previews of emerging services and games and the requisite market research. Companies recruited for the site visits include mobile phone service providers, game developers, and broadcasting facilities. Arguably, the most exciting part of the course will be an extensive series of field trips to historic Japanese sites. Lastly, to optimize our students' experience, Japanese language lessons and social events will be organized.

The four thematic areas of this course are:

- **Technology:** wireless, mobile devices, Next-Gen game consoles, emerging technology
- **Culture:** perspectives and dimensions of culture, individual traits, societal norms, language
- **Communication:** computer-mediated communication, online identities, relating online
- **Games:** game development, game markets, mobile games, games and society

More details about this program can be found at:

<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/japantech.html>



College sponsor: Communication Arts and Sciences

Semester available: Summer: 2 weeks (early to mid May)

Courses offered*: TC 490, 491, 890, 891

Credits: To be announced

Requirements: 2.0 GPA; at least one course in Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media

Program fee:** Not yet available; please check the Web for updates

Deadline: March 1

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