

Joint MAP Program by HU and U of I entitled “Peace and Sustainability”

Draft Exchange Program for August 2025

The following draft itinerary and syllabus was created by Renae Campbell, David Roon, and Sandra Reineke for the purpose of the first academic joint MAP program exchange between students from HU and the U of I in August 2025.

Dates:

Arrive at U of I campus on **Tuesday, August 5** and move into student residences. Depart from the U of I campus in the morning of **Friday, August 15**.

Program Subtitle and Overarching Theme:

Jinen (自然): Sustainability and Sense of Place

This program draft includes the proposed creation of a **Peace Garden** on the U of I campus as an overarching project for subsequent MAP cohort students from HU and the U of I who are participating in the program in future years.

Description of the program:


In the program Jinen (自然): Sustainability and Sense of Place, a student cohort from Hiroshima, Japan will explore how the concept of sustainability can be both universal and geographically/culturally specific, as well as how the practice of sustainability can be intersectional with an understanding of place-based resource conflict. Through a range of hands-on and academic experiences, students will explore the dynamic culture, ecology and geopolitical landscape of Northern Idaho (with a particular focus on sites near to Moscow and McCall). Key focal topics will include resource extraction, fire and water ecology, North American Indigenous history, and the unique experience of Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Experiential learning will encompass academic research and journaling, contributions to a Peace Garden on the Moscow Campus, and field visits to historical sites and the McCall Outdoor Science School. Participants will contextualize these explorations through the lens of their own experiences, and through reference to Japanese concepts of Sustainability and Place such as 自然 (*Jinen*, the role of humans in nature) and 場所の感覚 (*Basho-no-Kankaku*, sense of place).

Syllabus


Tuesday, August 5: Arrival in Moscow/U of I and move in

- Arrival on the U of I campus. Move into student residences
- Attend group dinner and staff-led icebreaker (residence hall)

Wednesday, August 6: Welcome and getting to know our host place


- Breakfast with staff-led icebreaker if not in the evening prior (residence hall)
- 9:30-10AM Welcome Party with relevant administrators, faculty and staff (classroom or Admin Auditorium or similar venue)
- 10:15-11:45AM Campus tour in small groups (campus)
- 12-1:30PM Lunch (residence hall)
- 1:45-3:45PM Walking tour of downtown Moscow in small groups (downtown)
- 4-5PM Introduction to proposed location and project of a Peace Garden. First short introduction to sustainability and place through the lens of peace and conflict. Is peace the absence of conflict? Is peace and conflict limited to people, or does it involve nature and the environment? (at Peace Garden location on campus)
- 5:30PM Dinner (residence hall)
- 6:30-8:30PM Work in small groups on Peace Garden project (in the garden or in the residence hall)
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling

Thursday, August 7: 自然: Sustainability and place through art


- Breakfast (residence hall)
- 9-10:30AM Overview/lecture (David Roon) (classroom)
- 10:30-11:30AM Small group work on above (David Roon)
- 12-1:30PM Lunch (residence hall)
- 1:45-3:15PM Understanding sustainability and place through art: an introductory activity with clay (David Roon) (venue TBD)
- 3:30-5:00PM Small group/individual work with clay (venue TBD)
- 5:30PM Dinner (residence hall)
- 6:30-8:30PM Work in small groups on Peace Garden project (in the garden or in the residence hall)
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling and review of the following two articles from the Densho Encyclopedia (online educational resource):
<https://densho.org/learn/introduction/>

[https://encyclopedia.densho.org/Kooskia_\(detention_facility\)/](https://encyclopedia.densho.org/Kooskia_(detention_facility)/) (includes historical images of the site)

Friday, August 8: Art, human artifacts, and conflict and peace


- Breakfast (residence hall)
- 9:30-10:45AM Guest lecture on Idaho's Kooskia Internment Camp and Japanese American experiences in Idaho during WWII (Priscilla Wegars) (venue TBD)
- 10:45-11:45AM Walking tour of the U of I Arboretum (Arboretum)
- 12-1:30pm Lunch (residence hall)
- 1:45-3:30pm Visit the **Asian American Comparative Collection** on campus (Renae Campbell) (Class Annex)
- 3:45-5PM Work in small groups on Peace Garden project (in the garden or in the residence hall)
- 5:30PM Dinner (residence hall)
- 6:30-8:30pm Board games or ultimate frisbee and other outdoor games on campus/residence call (residence hall staff)
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling and review photos/slides of the Kooskia Internment Camp to be visited on Wednesday in northern Idaho.

Saturday, August 9: Local communities, local knowledge, and sustainability


- Breakfast (residence hall)
- 9:30-11:30AM Visit the Moscow Farmers Market and Downtown Moscow (Main Street)
- 12-1:30pm Lunch (residence hall)
- 1:45-4PM Visit the McConnell Mansion and Fort Russell neighborhood (residence hall staff) (Adams Street surroundings)
- 4-5:30PM Work in small groups on Peace Garden project (in the garden or in the residence hall)
- 5:30PM Dinner (residence hall)
- 6:30-8:30pm Pack for the four-day trip to McCall in Idaho
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling

Sunday, August 10: Ecology and local communities (four-day field trip to McCall including historical site visits to Lewiston and Kooskia)


- Breakfast (residence hall)
- Departure to McCall

- Visit to the **Nez Perce National Historical Park and Museum** outside of Lewiston, ID on the way to McCall
- Lunch either in the park or on the bus weather permitting
- Arrive at the **U of I McCall Outdoor Science School field campus (MOSS)** and move in
- Dinner and icebreakers/activities (staff)
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling


Monday, August 11: Fire ecology/water ecology

- Breakfast
- Workshops and activities (staff)
- Lunch
- Workshops and activities (staff)
- Dinner
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling

Tuesday, August 12: Water ecology/fire ecology

- Breakfast
- Workshops and activities (staff)
- Lunch
- Workshops and activities (staff)
- Dinner
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling

Wednesday, August 13: Visit to Kooskia Internment Camp Historical Site

- Breakfast
- Leaving McCall to **Kooskia to visit the WWII internment camp site**
- Lunch on the bus
- Kooskia site visit and lecture (Renae Campbell)
- Arrive back in Moscow and move back into residence hall
- 5:30PM Dinner
- 6:30-8:30PM Finish up small group work on Peace Garden
-  End-of-day assignment: daily journaling and finalize presentations

Thursday, August 14: Final Presentations and Farewell

- Breakfast (residence hall)
- 9:30-11:45AM Final Presentations (venue TBD)
- 12-1:30PM Lunch (residence hall)
- 2-3PM Farewell Party and photo op (administrators, faculty, and staff) (venue TBD)
- Last chance to buy souvenirs on campus and downtown Moscow
- 5:30PM Dinner
- Pack

Friday, August 15: Move out and Departure

End of Program***