

I have three objectives I would like to accomplish after the program. First, I would like to add new topics to my East Asia course. At the same time, I would like to make my course more interactive. For example, I am planning to begin my class by using Japanese everyday words, which represent Japanese culture. One of the best example can be *mottainai* which a strong tradition of conservation. The idea of employing “everyday words” is based on “every language has its own key words and that these key words reflect the core values of the culture to which this language belongs.” In addition, I am planning to make my class more interactive by using hands-on activities like origami or making California rolls.

Second, I would like to develop new courses. Potential courses include Japan 101, Japan through Films, and Japan through Food. Especially, I am very excited about creating Japan through Food because food has been a very trending topic over the past five years. In this course, I can explore from sushi to yoshoku, tea ceremony and fast food in Japan. If food is the safest way to explore exotic cultures, this course is a great way for students to understand Japanese society and culture. These new courses could help cultivating a culture of diversity in my institution.

Finally, I would like to propose Minor in Asian Studies. In my institution, it is very hard to recruit students to Asian-related courses which is the main reason for a lack of Asian-related courses. By creating Minor in Asian Studies, Asian-related courses can appeal to more students because students can have an extra incentive.

Thank you.

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