

**JAPN 4900: Internship at Kyoto Utano Youth Hostel**  
**Syllabus for Wintermester, 2023-2024**

University of North Texas  
Department of World Languages,  
Literatures, and Cultures

The term: 12/18/2023 - 1/18/2024  
Student name: Alexandra Hawthorne  
Credit hours: 3

Instructor in charge of support and supervision: Yayoi Takeuchi

The general internship work entails Hostel staff duties including assistance in the kitchen, cleaning, participation in the Hostel events, and work around the office. Working with Japanese staff and helping the guests from Japan and overseas will benefit speaking skills both in Japanese and communication with the international guests. It helps building student's cultural competency while living and working in the spoken environment. It is an opportunity for a student to use and improve Japanese in the workplace and the environment as well as learning general management and hospitality skills.

Shared room and a support for meals are provided. 7.5 hours a day and 5 days a week in a rotating shift are the working hours.

The internship supervisor: Ms. Kiyomi Seiriki, the hostel manager [seiriki@yj-kyoto.or.jp](mailto:seiriki@yj-kyoto.or.jp)  
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The agreed report and project by the student are the following:

1. Daily report in Japanese focus on Japanese words and phrases for workplace
2. Haiku in Japanese and English posted on blog in e-portfolio with short comments
3. Report on business observation and operation at the Youth Hostel (1000 characters)
4. Report on Japanese hospitality and reflection on the internship (600-1000 characters)
5. Project: Compiled Haiku on Kyoto highlights in the holiday season and internship.

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