Reporting War & Peace in Okinawa
Go on a reporting mission to Okinawa to tell the stories of the effect of U.S. military presence on this Japanese island

Reporting War and Peace in Okinawa is a four-credit, semester-long course during spring semester that trains students in international reporting. The class includes spring break travel to the island of Okinawa, Japan.

Taught by professor of practice Joe Coleman, former Tokyo bureau chief for the Associated Press, the course will introduce students to the tools and methods of foreign correspondents, with particular attention to coverage of Asia, a rapidly growing and increasingly dynamic – and turbulent – part of the world. Students will learn about U.S.-Japanese relations, the U.S. military posture in Asia, Okinawan culture and the reporting of war memory.

Students will produce feature reports on interviews with Okinawa residents, U.S. officials in Japan, survivors of the Battle of Okinawa and activists. Students will use text, still photos, audio and video produced into multimedia packages presented on The Media School’s website and other publication outlets.

Tentative course schedule and trip details
1-2:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. FF 214. This is subject to change.

Costs
The Media School provides a scholarship to all students admitted to this course to lower the course fee that’s assessed for travel.

Full program costs: $4,100
Course fee after scholarship: $3,075

The course fee covers round-trip transportation from Bloomington, lodging, all required activities, health insurance and some meals. We recommend students also have $200-$400 available during the trip to cover meals and personal expenses.

These expenses can be reduced through other scholarships and grants, such as the Hutton International Experiences grant.

Upon acceptance into the field experience course, your bursar account will be billed a $500 non-refundable deposit.

The remainder of the basic program costs will be billed to your bursar account in November, due in December with spring tuition.

Eligibility
To apply for the course, you must:

- be on track to be a sophomore by credit hours (30 hours completed) by the end of fall 2018 semester, or a master’s student.
- have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- be on track to be admitted to The Media School by the end of the fall 2018 semester.
- be on track to have completed JOUR-J200 or MSCH-C225 by the end of the fall 2018 semester. Instructor will consider other production/reporting courses to be substituted as a prerequisite on a case-by-case basis.