

2009-2010

# *B.A. in Japanese*

## College of Humanities and Social Sciences

### *What Is the Study of Japanese?*

In keeping with the aim of providing the skills needed to learn about a culture in depth, the department trains in two areas: language structure and literary analysis. Language structure is taught both holistically and analytically. Holistic language learning is facilitated by modern methods and multimedia technology, as well as study abroad opportunities. The department supports the analytical instruction of language structure through a full range of language skills courses, as well as a significant number of courses in linguistics. Literary analysis is essential to a student's understanding of the highest achievements in aesthetic expression of a culture's values. The department provides instruction in history and culture, as well as literary theory, with an end to enabling the student to gain access to the intellectual life in the culture. The department imparts skills to future foreign language teachers so that they may similarly enable high school students to begin the acquisition of foreign languages.

### *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages provides students the skills to learn firsthand about major world societies. The department believes that the best way to understand a culture directly is through its language. The modern languages offered in the department are spoken natively by nearly two billion people. The multifaceted programs of the department provide an opening to the world through language, literature, culture and civilization. It is a meeting place for true diversity.

### *How to Declare:*

Obtain a major declaration card from the departmental office (HU230).

Schedule an appointment to see the language section advisor. Be sure to bring the major declaration card and your transcript(s) to this meeting. The advisor will evaluate your transcript(s), will fill out and discuss with you the "Major Checklist" and will initial your major declaration card.

Bring your "major declaration" card to the department office, HU230, for the department chair's signature, allowing two days (more during breaks); then take the major declaration card to the Registrar's Office, OM230, for processing.

### *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Japanese within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

#### **Coursework:**

Complete the second-year sequence (i.e., 201, 202, and 203).

#### **Other Activities:**

Discuss national and international study abroad opportunities with the International Programs and Exchanges Office.

#### *Contact Information:*

Japanese Department Website:  
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#### *Sample Careers:*

Interpreter  
Foreign Correspondent  
Foreign Service Officer  
FBI Agent  
Educator  
Foreign Diplomat  
Travel Writer  
All careers involving communication



# Japanese Major Requirements: 55 Credits

- At least 55 credits above the 100 level;
- GPA of 2.50 or above in major;
- Maximum of 15 credits at the 200-level.
- While not required, study abroad in Japan is strongly encouraged.

## Required Courses:

JAPN 201, 202, 203 Second-Year Japanese (4 each)

JAPN 301, 302, 303 Third-Year Japanese (4 each)

JAPN 350 Japanese Culture, History & Society (4)

The following courses must be taken on campus:

JAPN 401 Advanced Japanese (3)

JAPN 402 Topics in Japanese Literature (3)

JAPN 403 Topics in Japanese Thought (3)

## Electives to meet the minimum credits for the major:

ANTH 460 Culture & Society of Japan (4)

EAST 368 Japanese Literature in Translation (5)

HIST 374 Pre-modern Japanese History (4)

HIST 375 Modern Japanese History (4)

HIST 484 Women in Japanese History (5)

HIST 485 Japanese Military History: Samurai Fact & Fiction (5)

HIST 486 Religion in Japanese History (5)

JAPN 314 Japanese Phonetics (4)

JAPN 330 Japanese Culture Through Film, Modern (2)

JAPN 331 Japanese Culture Through Film, Classic (2)

## *Other Japanese Options:*

Minor in Japanese (24 credits)

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.**

**BCOM:** JAPN 103,104, 201

**ACGM:** JAPN 200 level or above

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.