

# Japanese Major: Information Sheet

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## Description:

- 55 credits, Japanese 201 and above
- GPA of 2.5 or above in major
- Although not required, study abroad in Japan is strongly encouraged

## Required courses (40 credits total; courses must be taken as A-F)

- Japanese 201, 202, 203 (12 credits total)
- Japanese 301, 302, 303 (12 credits total)
- Japanese 350 (4 credits)
- Japanese 401, 402, 403 (all must be taken on campus) (12 credits total)

## Note:

- Japanese 280 is *not* applicable to the major

## Electives (15 credits total)

- Japanese 330 (2), 331 (2)
- Japanese 314 (4)
- History 374 (4), 375 (4), 484 (5), 485 (5), 486 (5)
- Anthropology 460 (4)
- East Asian Studies 368 (5)

## Study Abroad in Japan

- Strongly recommended after completing Japanese 202 at WWU; Japanese 201 is considered essential for a successful study abroad experience.
- Upon your return from Japan, your proficiency in Japanese will be assessed. You are required to demonstrate satisfactory understanding of the lesson materials that are covered at WWU while you are away in Japan. Upon assessment, you will be placed in the appropriate level of the language sequence. If you cannot demonstrate satisfactory understanding of the materials, you may be asked to enroll in a lower language class. You are allowed, however, to take concurrently the upper level language courses and content courses (i.e., J350, J402, J403) that are required for the major so that your graduation plan will not be affected. In other words, in order to maximize your study abroad, you are asked to self-study all the kanji, vocabulary, and grammar points that are introduced in our curriculum.
- In principle, a maximum of 22 credits can be counted toward your major—12 credits as core language courses and 10 credits as International Studies. These latter credits will not replace the electives.

- However, under advisement, content courses taught in English in Japan may count towards electives.
- 50% of major classes must be taken at WWU.
- Japanese 303/401, 402, and 403 must be taken at WWU.

### **How and by when to declare major**

- You must declare the major before you will have taken 120 credits.
- Download “Japanese Major: Information Sheet” and the “Plan of Study” form from the website.
- Study the information sheet and start filling out the Plan of Study form.
- Check when all the courses you intend to take are offered; some classes are offered only in alternate years. Classfinder is very useful in this respect.
- Go to the Modern & Classical Languages (MCL) office (Humanities 230) and pick up a green Major Declaration Card.
- See the major advisor in Japanese (currently Professor Yusa), who will go over your Plan of Study and sign the form as well as the Major Declaration Card. Bring your transcript with you.
- Fill out the declaration card and take it to the MCL secretary for Chair’s signature. Within two days you can pick it up at the MCL office.

### **Major Evaluation procedure**

- At least two quarters prior to your graduation, you need to take care of the major evaluation.
- Bring your major evaluation form to the Major advisor of the Japanese Section with your transcript.
- The advisor will fill it out and initial the evaluation.
- Clip the evaluation form and a copy of transcript and give them to the departmental secretary for Chair’s signature.
- Chair will return the form within two days to the secretary.
- Take the signed form to the Registrar with all other graduation paperwork.