

# B.A. in Japanese

## College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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### 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 foreign study 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.

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### Why should I consider a Japanese 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.

### Declaring a Japanese Major:

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

Schedule an appointment to see the language section coordinator. Be sure to bring the major declaration card and your

transcript(s) to this meeting. The coordinator will evaluate your transcript(s), will fill out and discuss with you the "Major Checklist" and will initial your major declaration card.

Take your "major declaration" card and your degree planning guide 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 (e.g., 201, 202, 203).

#### Other Activities:

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

#### Sample Career Fields:

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

## *Japanese Major Requirements: 55 Credits*

55 credits above the 100 level; GPA of 2.50 or above in major; maximum of 15 credits at the 200-level; JAPN 280 is only applicable to the major for up to two credits. While not required, study abroad in Japan is strongly encouraged.

### Required Courses:

JAPN 201, 202, 203 Second-Year Japanese (4 each)  
JAPN 280 Kanji (2)  
JAPN 301, 302, 303 Third-Year Japanese (4 each)  
JAPN 350 Japanese Culture, History & Society (3)  
JAPN 401 Advanced Japanese (4)  
JAPN 402 Topics in Japanese Literature (4)  
JAPN 403 Topics in Japanese Thought (4) (must be taken on campus)

### Select two from:

JAPN 330 Japanese Culture Through Film, Modern (2)  
JAPN 331 Japanese Culture Through Film, Classic (2)  
JAPN 332 Japanese Culture Through Film, Literature (2)

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

HIST 484 Women in Japanese History (5)  
HIST 485 Japanese Military History: Samurai Fact & Fiction (5)  
HIST 486 Religion in Japanese History (5)  
LBRL 275 Humanities of Japan (4)  
PLSC 431 Modern Japanese Politics (4)  
ANTH 460 Culture & Society of Japan (4)  
A/HI 270 Visual Culture in South & Southeast Asia (3)  
EAST 368 Japanese Literature in Translation (5)

**These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:**

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

**ACGM:** JAPN 200 level or above

**WP:** JAPN 402

## *Other Japanese options:*

Minor in Japanese (24 credits)