JAPANESE STUDIES (BA IN JAPANESE STUDIES)

The Japanese Studies Program

As the world's third largest economy and one of the United States' most important allies and trading partners, Japan is critical to an understanding of global issues. Japanese is spoken by 120 million people world-wide. It is also a language in which the US State Department has identified a critical need. In addition, Japanese writers and artists have long exerted an influence over popular culture internationally-an influence evident in the borderless appeal of Japanese film, manga, and anime.

The Japanese Studies Program enables students to explore all aspects of language and culture. We offer four levels of language instruction. We have summer, one-semester, and year-long study-abroad programs at several top universities in Japan. We also offer courses in English on Japanese literature, film, and popular culture. We encourage students to develop individual research projects, which can focus on anime, music, fashion, foodways, politics, and more. Students also enjoy opportunities to teach in closely-mentored relationship with faculty in both language and content courses.

Our program offers a major and a minor in Japanese Studies.

The Japanese Studies major consists of 33 credits, including

1. at least 24 credits from JAPN courses, at least 9 of those credits must be taught in Japanese; and
2. 6 credits from outside the program.

Majors are encouraged to study abroad in Japan after completing at least JAPN 102 Elementary Japanese II; up to 9 credits may be counted from courses taken at universities in Japan and applied toward continuing language study, JAPN electives and/or Interdisciplinary electives, with approval.

Required Credit Hours: 33

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements*		
Methods Class:		
JAPN 205	Introduction to Japanese Studies	3
Literature or Cinema Survey:		
Select one of the following:		3-4
JAPN 209	Classical Japanese Literature in Translation	
JAPN 210	Modern Japanese Literature in Translation	
JAPN 311	Japanese Cinema	
History Survey:		
Select one of the following: [1]		3
HIST 141	Survey of East Asian Civilization to 1600	
HIST 142	Survey of East Asian Civilization since 1600	
HIST 331	Modern Japanese History	
Continuing Japanese-Language Study:		
Select nine credits taught in Japanese beyond 201 from the following:		9
JAPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II	
JAPN 301	Upper Interm Japanese I	
JAPN 302	Upper Interm Japanese II	
JAPN 307	Topics in Japanese Culture	
JAPN 401	Advanced Japanese I	
JAPN 402	Advanced Japanese II	
JAPN 410	Advanced Topics in Japanese Literature and Culture	
Electives		
Japanese Electives:		
Select two or three additional JAPN courses [2]		6-9
Interdisciplinary Elective:		
Select three credits from a course outside JAPN that includes significant Japan-related content, with advisor's approval. Appropriate courses include (but are not limited to): [3]		3
AMES 390	Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Japanese/East Asian topics only)	
GOVT 336	Governments and Politics of China and Japan	
HIST 265	Postwar Japan	
RELG 215	History of Religion in East Asia	
Capstone Experience and Major Writing/Computing Requirement		
JAPN 450	Advanced Seminar in Japanese Studies	3
Total Hours		**30-34**

*JAPN majors must have earned or demonstrated (through pre-matriculation or test credit) proficiency through the 201 level.

[1] One other may be counted as an interdisciplinary elective.

[2] ExcludingJAPN 101 Elementary Japanese I, JAPN 102 Elementary Japanese II, JAPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I, JAPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II. JAPN 100 Big Ideas in Japanese Stds and JAPN 150 First-Year Seminar may be counted.

[3] Approved study abroad courses may also be counted