

## Japanese Major and Minor

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The Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures offers courses in the language, literature, film, linguistics, and culture of China and Japan; the department offers both a major and a minor in Japanese. A full sequence of courses in the modern standard language of Japan and a variety of offerings, ranging from introductory to specialized, illuminate various facets of Japanese civilization. Students whose interests range broadly across the civilization of East Asia may want to take advantage of the Asian Studies certificate program. The departmental curriculum for the Japanese major is composed of three main categories as follows.

- Courses designed to develop competence in the four skills of the Japanese language, plus courses for advanced study.
- Courses taught in English and focused on the mainstream of Japanese culture as reflected in literature, drama, and film.
- Courses for the advanced study of literature and linguistic analysis.

### Required courses for the Japanese major

The Japanese major requires the completion of 54 credits distributed as follows.

#### Language courses

JPNSE 0001 First Year Japanese 1  
 JPNSE 0002 First Year Japanese 2  
 JPNSE 0003 Second Year Japanese 1  
 JPNSE 0004 Second Year Japanese 2  
 JPNSE 1020 Third Year Japanese 1  
 JPNSE 1021 Third Year Japanese 2

#### Advanced language course; choose one

JPNSE 1030 Readings in Japanese Literature  
 JPNSE 1032 Readings in Social Sciences  
 JPNSE 1040 Intro to Classical Japanese 1  
 JPNSE 1050 Fourth Year Japanese 1

#### Culture, literature, and linguistics (3 courses)

##### Required course

JPNSE 0083 Introduction to Japanese Literature

##### Choose one

JPNSE 1022 History of the Japanese Language \*  
 JPNSE 1023 Structure of the Japanese Language \*  
 JPNSE 1025 Exploring the Japanese Lang and Mind \*  
 JPNSE 1035 Pragmatics of Japanese \*

##### Elective courses; choose two

JPNSE 0007 Japanese Culture and Civilization  
 JPNSE 0080 City Life and East Asian Culture  
 JPNSE 0081 East Asia in the World  
 JPNSE 0085 Japanese Tales of the Supernatural \*  
 JPNSE 1056 Japanese Literature and the West \*  
 JPNSE 1057 Japanese Culture/Society through Cinema \*  
 JPNSE 1058 Westerns and Samurai Films \*  
 JPNSE 1059 Japanese Literature on Screen \*

JPNSE 1070 The World of Japan: The Tale of Genji \*

JPNSE 1071 The World of Japan

JPNSE 1080 Ghosts, Masks, and Actors \*

JPNSE 1081 Forms of Japanese Theatre \*

JPNSE 1082 A Taste of Japan \*

JPNSE 1085 Intro to East Asian Cinema \*

JPNSE 1700 Introduction to Theory and Practice of Translation

#### Capstone course

JPNSE 1999 Capstone Project (three credits) must be taken during the student's last term as an undergraduate.

#### Non-departmental course requirements

Students must complete three courses related to Japan offered by other Arts and Sciences departments. A listing of these courses is published every semester in the Asian Studies Center/University Center for International Studies (UCIS) course descriptions bulletin.

**Grade requirements:** A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option:** First year language courses may be taken on an S/NC basis; second year courses may not be taken on an S/NC basis. In the third and fourth years, majors have the option of taking two additional courses on an S/NC basis, one of which may be an advanced language course.

**Writing (W) requirement:** Students must complete JPNSE 1908 Directed Writing (one credit) in conjunction with one of the courses marked with an asterisk (\*) in the culture, literature, and linguistics section.

**Related area:** A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Dietrich School department chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Dietrich School minor or a Dietrich School or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

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### **Checklist for the Japanese major**

#### **Language courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0001 First Year Japanese 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0002 First Year Japanese 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0003 Second Year Japanese 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0004 Second Year Japanese 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1020 Third Year Japanese 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1021 Third Year Japanese 2

#### **Advanced language course; choose one**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1030 Readings in Japanese Literature
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1032 Readings in Social Sciences
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1040 Intro to Classical Japanese 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1050 Fourth Year Japanese 1

#### **Culture, literature, and linguistics (3 courses)**

##### **Required course**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0083 Introduction to Japanese Literature

##### **Choose one**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1022 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1023 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1025 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1035 \*

##### **Elective courses; choose two**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0007
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0080
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0081
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0083 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0085 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1056 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1057 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1058 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1059 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1070 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1071
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1080 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1081 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1082 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1085 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1700

##### **Writing (W) requirement**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1908 Directed Writing

**Note:** This course must be taken in conjunction with one of the courses marked with an asterisk (\*) in the culture, literature, and linguistics section.

##### **Non-departmental course requirements**

Courses related to Japan; refer to the Asian Studies Center/University Center for International Studies (UCIS) course descriptions bulletin for eligible courses.

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### **Checklist for the Japanese minor**

#### **Language and culture option (19 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0001
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0002

#### **Choose three courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0007
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0080
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0081
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0083
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0085
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1022
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- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1082
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- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1700

#### **Culture option (15 credits)**

##### **Choose five courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0007
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0080
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0081
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 0083
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**Note:** Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.