

JAPANESE (JAPN)

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JAPN 101 Japanese I (3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces the four basic communicative skills in Japanese: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students gain knowledge of Japanese culture and ways of thinking which provide the context for communicating in Japanese. No previous knowledge of Japanese is required.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture

Course equivalencies: X-JAPN101/ASIAJ01

Outcomes:

Students will be able to understand and respond to greetings, introductions, and basic question about time, location, and directions and will be able to read and write hiragana and katakana, the two phonetic Japanese scripts as well as about 25 ideographic characters

JAPN 102 Japanese II (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: JAPN 101

Students will build on the skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing gained in JAPN 101.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture

Course equivalencies: X-JAPN102/ASIAJ02

Outcomes:

Students will be able to introduce themselves and others, discuss daily life, and read and write simple paragraph length compositions with the aid of vocabulary lists

JAPN 103 Japanese III (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: JAPN 102

Students will expand their knowledge of Japanese vocabulary, grammar, usage, and speech levels, using Japanese as a medium for learning Japanese.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture

Course equivalencies: X-JAPN103/ASIAJ03

Outcomes:

Students will use written and spoken Japanese to ask for and express opinions, to ask for assistance, and to participate in a variety of written and verbal social routines

JAPN 104 Japanese IV (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: JAPN 103

This course extends students' knowledge of Japanese grammar, vocabulary, verbal routines, and cultural patterns. Students will read and respond in Japanese to short works of fiction and non-fiction.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture

Course equivalencies: X-JAPN104/ASIAJ04

Outcomes:

Students will converse in Japanese for extended periods and be able to decode and create many written items from daily life such as application forms, catalogs, and recipes

JAPN 250 Composition & Conversation I (3 Credit Hours)

Students gain mastery of intermediate Japanese grammar and increase their ability to use honorific and humble speech, with increasing use of Japanese as the medium of instruction.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture

JAPN 251 Composition & Conversation II (3 Credit Hours)

This class is conducted mostly in Japanese with students developing the ability to read and discuss longer texts, including primary sources, to gain greater knowledge and understanding of Japan.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Japanese Language and Culture