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# JAPANESE

*In the Department of East Asian Studies*

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A minor in Japanese is offered for students who have a substantial interest in Japanese language and culture.

## Requirements for the Minor in Japanese

Six courses are required to fulfill the minor in Japanese. They include five language courses of at least three credits each at the level of Japanese 126 or above and one more course chosen from either a 400-level course in Japanese or a course on Japan (please see list under "East Asian Studies") at the 200 level or higher.

## Course Offerings

**JA125f Elementary Japanese I** Introduction to the spoken and written language to provide a solid grounding in all the language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will have a comfortable command of hiragana, katakana, and basic sentence patterns and will become familiar with about 60 kanji and their combinations. *Five credit hours.* NUFFER

**JA125Jj Elementary Japanese** Introduction to the spoken and written language to provide a solid grounding in all the language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will have a comfortable command of hiragana, katakana, and basic sentence patterns and will become familiar with about 60 kanji and their combinations. *Three credit hours.* SHMAGIN

**JA126s Elementary Japanese II** A continuation of Japanese 125. Introduces students to the spoken and written language and provides a thorough grounding in all the language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 125 or equivalent. *Five credit hours.* NUFFER

**JA127f Intermediate Japanese I** Designed for students who have taken two semesters of Japanese, provides the intermediate level of competency in speaking, writing, reading, and listening. The four skills are simultaneously introduced and practiced in every class with emphasis on balancing accuracy, fluency, and complexity. Also helps students understand how linguistic practice is strongly connected to culture. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 126. *Four credit hours.* ABE

**JA128s Intermediate Japanese II** Designed for students who have taken three semesters of Japanese. Students continue to advance their linguistic skills in speaking, writing, reading, and listening. Enables students to function in various social contexts using culturally appropriate linguistic skills and knowledge, including honorifics and speech levels. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 127. *Four credit hours.* ABE

**JA135fs Conversational Japanese I** In a small group setting, students practice speaking. Nongraded. *Prerequisite:* Concurrent enrollment in Japanese 125 or 126. *One credit hour.* KAWASHIMA

**JA235fs Conversational Japanese II** In a small group setting, students practice speaking. Nongraded. *Prerequisite:* Concurrent enrollment in Japanese 127 or 128. *One credit hour.* KAWASHIMA

**JA321f Third-Year Japanese** Pre-advanced Japanese for students who have mastered the intermediate level of grammar including honorifics, causative, passive, and causative/passive forms with 300 kanji. Prepares students to read newspaper articles and short stories. Students are required to write an essay every other week and do a research presentation in Japanese on topics related to Japanese culture. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 128. *Four credit hours.* NUFFER

**JA322s Third-Year Japanese** Continues to prepare students for advanced reading, audiovisual comprehension, and writing practice. Designed primarily for students who have had substantial experience in a Japanese-speaking setting. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 321 or 341. *Four credit hours.* NUFFER

**JA335fs Conversational Japanese III** In a small group setting, students practice speaking. Nongraded. *Prerequisite:* Concurrent enrollment in Japanese 321, 322, 421, or 422. *One credit hour.* KAWASHIMA

**[JA341] Understanding Japanese Culture and History** An advanced Japanese language course that contextualizes learning authentic materials focused on Japanese culture. Students will develop well-balanced proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing that will promote effective cross-cultural communication and foster an in-depth understanding of historical Japanese culture. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 128. *Four credit hours.*

**JA421f Fourth Year Japanese** Further reading, writing, listening, and speaking in Japanese, using current newspaper articles, short stories, and audiovisual materials. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 322. *Four credit hours.* ABE

**JA422s Fourth-Year Japanese** A continuation of Japanese 421 for students who have taken seven semesters of Japanese. Language practice includes reading short stories and newspaper articles, giving oral presentations on topics related to Japanese culture, learning another 150 Chinese characters, mastering the use of various types of dictionaries and online supports, and learning the structure of kanji radicals. All class activities are conducted only in Japanese. *Prerequisite:* Japanese 421. *Four credit hours.* ABE

**JA491f, 492s Independent Study** Individual projects in areas where the student has demonstrated the interest and competence necessary for independent work. *Prerequisite:* Permission of the instructor. *Two to four credit hours.* FACULTY