



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
+ **Note:** JPNSE 1061 may replace **both** JPNSE 0001 and JPNSE 0002; JPNSE 1062 may replace **both** JPNSE 0003 and JPNSE 0004.

Advanced language course; choose one

JPNSE 1040 Intro to Classical Japanese 1
JPNSE 1050 Fourth Year Japanese 1

Culture, literature, and linguistics (four courses)

Required course

JPNSE 0083 Introduction to Japanese Literature *

Choose one

JPNSE 1023 Structure of the Japanese Language
JPNSE 1035 Pragmatics of Japanese *

Elective courses; choose two

JPNSE 0007 Japanese Culture and Civilization
JPNSE 0081 East Asia in the World
JPNSE 0085 Japanese Tales of the Supernatural *
JPNSE 1057 Japanese Culture/Society through Cinema *
JPNSE 1058 Westerns and Samurai Films *
JPNSE 1065 Detective and Mystery Fiction in Japan
JPNSE 1070 The World of Japan: Special Topics *
JPNSE 1071 The World of Japan: Special Topics *
JPNSE 1080 Ghosts, Masks, and Actors *
JPNSE 1081 Forms of Japanese Theatre *
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 Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences departments. Two of these courses must have at least 50% Japan-related content. The Asian Studies Center at the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) maintains a list of Asia-related classes, which students may use to identify Japan-related courses.

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.

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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

+ **Note:** JPNSE 1061 may replace **both** JPNSE 0001 **and** JPNSE 0002; JPNSE 1062 may replace **both** JPNSE 0003 **and** JPNSE 0004.

Advanced language course; choose one

_____ JPNSE 1040 Intro to Classical Japanese 1
_____ JPNSE 1050 Fourth Year Japanese 1

Culture, literature, and linguistics (4 courses)

Required course

_____ JPNSE 0083 Introduction to Japanese Literature

Choose one

_____ JPNSE 1023
_____ JPNSE 1035 *

Elective courses; choose two

_____ JPNSE 0007
_____ JPNSE 0081
_____ JPNSE 0083 *
_____ JPNSE 0085 *
_____ JPNSE 1057 *
_____ JPNSE 1058 *
_____ JPNSE 1065
_____ JPNSE 1070 *
_____ JPNSE 1071 *
_____ JPNSE 1080 *
_____ JPNSE 1081 *
_____ 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.

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Checklist for the Japanese minor

Japanese language option (23 credits)

Language; choose one column

_____ JPNSE 0001 and JPNSE 0002 _____ JPNSE 1061
_____ JPNSE 0003 and JPNSE 0004 _____ JPNSE 1062

Elective

_____ JPNSE _____ (course taught in English and listed as a culture, film, linguistics, literature, or theatre course)

Language and culture option (19 credits); choose one option.

_____ JPNSE 0001 and JPNSE 0002
_____ JPNSE 1061

Choose three courses

_____ JPNSE 0007 _____ JPNSE 1058
_____ JPNSE 0081 _____ JPNSE 1070
_____ JPNSE 0083 _____ JPNSE 1071
_____ JPNSE 0085 _____ JPNSE 1080
_____ JPNSE 1023 _____ JPNSE 1081
_____ JPNSE 1035 _____ JPNSE 1700
_____ JPNSE 1057

Culture option (15 credits)

Choose five courses

_____ JPNSE 0007 _____ JPNSE 1058
_____ JPNSE 0081 _____ JPNSE 1070
_____ JPNSE 0083 _____ JPNSE 1071
_____ JPNSE 0085 _____ JPNSE 1080
_____ JPNSE 1023 _____ JPNSE 1081
_____ JPNSE 1035 _____ JPNSE 1700
_____ JPNSE 1057

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.