



# Japanese Major and Minor

[www.DEALL.Pitt.edu/Japanese/Japanese-Major](http://www.DEALL.Pitt.edu/Japanese/Japanese-Major)

Revised: 05/2024

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 44 credits distributed as follows.

### Language courses

- 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 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 1023 Structure of the Japanese Language
- JPNSE 1030 Japanese Language Teaching and Learning\*
- JPNSE 1035 Pragmatics of Japanese\*
- JPNSE 1056 Japanese Literature and the West\*
- 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 1085 Introduction to East Asian Cinema\*
- JPNSE 1700 Introduction to Theory and Practice of Translation

### 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.

### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

### 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.

## Checklist for the Japanese major

### Language courses

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 1023
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1030\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1035\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1056 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1057 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1058 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1065
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1070 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1071 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1080 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JPNSE 1081 \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## Checklist for the Japanese minor

### One Language Course

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| _____ JPNSE 0001 | _____ JPNSE 1050 |
| _____ JPNSE 0002 | _____ JPNSE 1061 |
| _____ JPNSE 0003 | _____ JPNSE 1062 |
| _____ JPNSE 0004 | _____ JPNSE 1066 |
| _____ JPNSE 0012 | _____ JPNSE 1800 |
| _____ JPNSE 1020 |                  |
| _____ JPNSE 1021 |                  |
| _____ JPNSE 1040 |                  |

### One Culture Course

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| _____ JPNSE 0007 | _____ JPNSE 1057 |
| _____ JPNSE 0006 | _____ JPNSE 1058 |
| _____ JPNSE 0081 | _____ JPNSE 1065 |
| _____ JPNSE 0083 | _____ JPNSE 1070 |
| _____ JPNSE 0085 | _____ JPNSE 1071 |
| _____ JPNSE 1023 | _____ JPNSE 1080 |
| _____ JPNSE 1030 | _____ JPNSE 1081 |
| _____ JPNSE 1035 | _____ JPNSE 1085 |
| _____ JPNSE 1056 | _____ JPNSE 1700 |

### Three Other Language and/or Culture Courses

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| _____ JPNSE 0001 | _____ JPNSE 1050 |
| _____ JPNSE 0002 | _____ JPNSE 1056 |
| _____ JPNSE 0003 | _____ JPNSE 1057 |
| _____ JPNSE 0004 | _____ JPNSE 1058 |
| _____ JPNSE 0006 | _____ JPNSE 1061 |
| _____ JPNSE 0007 | _____ JPNSE 1062 |
| _____ JPNSE 0012 | _____ JPNSE 1065 |
| _____ JPNSE 0081 | _____ JPNSE 1066 |
| _____ JPNSE 0083 | _____ JPNSE 1070 |
| _____ JPNSE 0085 | _____ JPNSE 1071 |
| _____ JPNSE 1020 | _____ JPNSE 1080 |
| _____ JPNSE 1021 | _____ JPNSE 1081 |
| _____ JPNSE 1023 | _____ JPNSE 1085 |
| _____ JPNSE 1030 | _____ JPNSE 1700 |
| _____ JPNSE 1035 | _____ JPNSE 1800 |
| _____ JPNSE 1040 |                  |

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

**Note:** JPNSE 0006 counts for minor requirements, but not major requirements.

### Advising

Stephen D. Luft  
2720 Cathedral of Learning  
412-648-0848  
[Luft@Pitt.edu](mailto:Luft@Pitt.edu)