

Japanese BA

Overview

The **Bachelor of Arts in Japanese** is offered by the College of Liberal Arts' Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Studies at the Temple University, Japan Campus only.

The Japanese major is a unique undergraduate degree program designed to offer a comprehensive four-year Japanese language curriculum in a Japanese as a Second Language (JSL) setting. It aims to achieve advanced and well-balanced proficiency in Japanese so that students will, by using the Japanese language as a communication tool, be well-equipped and fully prepared to examine socio-cultural aspects of Japan and Japanese literature, and be active social agents to make contributions in the world of globalization.

The Bachelor of Arts in Japanese will be conferred upon the student after the completion of 123 credits across the following requirements:

- 35-36 credit hours of General Education coursework;
- 43 credit hours (14 courses) required for major; major courses must be passed with at least a C-; and
- 44-45 elective credit hours.

Campus Location: Japan

Program Code: LA-JPNS-BA

A Japanese minor and certificate are also offered at both Main Campus and Temple Japan.

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements for the Degree

1. University requirements

- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major.
- Students must complete the General Education curriculum.

2. General electives vary according to a student's individual program of study. Consult your academic advisor for more information.

3. Prerequisites: JPNS 1001, JPNS 1002, and JPNS 2701/JPNS 2001 with a minimum grade of C- or equivalent placement. Course levels are incremental in skills and content. Courses must be taken sequentially or in some instances may be taken concurrently. Students who are exempted from JPNS 2701/JPNS 2001 may begin with JPNS 2702 or higher level, in accordance to the placement assessment.

4. Major requirements (minimum 43 credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Language Requirements		
JPNS 2702	TUJ - Japanese Intermediate II	4
JPNS 3001	Advanced Japanese I	3
JPNS 3002	Advanced Japanese II	3
JPNS 4001	Japanese Advanced III	3
JPNS 4002	Japanese Advanced IV	3
Language Skills ¹		
Select at least four of the following:		12
Note: Students who have placed out of JPNS 2702 must take ONE additional Language Skills course. Those who have placed out of JPNS 3001 must take TWO additional Language Skills courses. Those who have placed out of JPNS 3001 must take THREE additional Language Skills courses.		
JPNS 2003	Oral Intensive Japanese II	
JPNS 2301	Kanji II	
JPNS 2631	Structure of Japanese Language I	
JPNS 3000	Special Topics in Japanese I (Introduction to Consecutive Translation for Non-Native Speakers of Japanese I)	
JPNS 3003	Advanced Japanese Writing	
JPNS 3010	Special Topics in Japanese II (Introduction to Consecutive Translation for Non-Native Speakers of Japanese II)	
JPNS 3096	Intermediate Writing in Japanese	
JPNS 3631	Structure of Japanese Language II	
JPNS 4003	Advanced Oral Japanese	
Area Studies Electives ¹		
Select 3 courses from the pre-approved courses list:		9
ANTH 2238 or ASST 2238	Visual Anthropology of Modern Japan	
ANTH 2373 or ASST 2373	Japanese Culture	
ASST 2351 or POLS 2351	Japan in a Changing World	
ASST 2502 or HIST 2502	Introduction to East Asia: Japan	
ASST 2815 or ARTH 2815	Japanese Art	
ASST 3247 or SOC 3247	Ideology and Social Change in Japan	
ASST 3541 or HIST 3541	Japan Today	
ASST 3542 or HIST 3542 or GSWS 3542	Women and Society in Japan	
GUS 3076	Metropolitan Tokyo	
JPNS 2011 or ASST 2011	Survey of Japanese Literature: Pre-Modern	
JPNS 2012 or ASST 2012	Modern and Contemporary Japanese Literature in Translation	
JPNS 2015 or ASST 2015	Tokyo in Literature and Film	
JPNS 2016 or ASST 2016	Mystery and Crime Fiction in Japan	
JPNS 2021	Japanese Literature in Film	

or ASST 2021	Japanese Literature in Film
JPNS 3000	Special Topics in Japanese I (Japanese Communication and Culture I)
JPNS 3010	Special Topics in Japanese II (Japanese Communication and Culture II)
REL 3301	Japanese Religions
REL 3302	Japanese Buddhism

Japan Area Studies Writing Intensive (WI)

Select one of the following: 3

This course must be taught in English.

JPNS 2096	
or ASST 2098	Japanese Popular Culture and its Literature
ASST 4096	Seminar in Asian Studies (The course topic must focus on Japan exclusively.)
ASST 4696	Modern Japan: Empire, War, Society
or HIST 4697	Modern Japan: Empire, War, Society

Capstone

Select one of the following: 3

JPNS 4196	Seminar in Japanese and Japan: Japanese Society and Culture through Newspaper
JPNS 4296	Seminar in Japanese and Japan: Business
JPNS 4396	

Total Credit Hours 43

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For a comprehensive list of courses that fulfill the Language Skills and Area Studies requirements, please refer to <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/sites/japan/files/pre-approved-courses-for-japanese-major-area-studies-electives.pdf>.

Proficiency Assessment: Students who are placed in JPNS 3001 or higher must consult with the academic advisor and the major coordinator to develop a plan to complete a sufficient number of courses and credits within the major.

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a suggested academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
JPNS 1001	Japanese Elements I	4
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL	
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
JPNS 1002	Japanese Elements II	4
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
One elective related to the major (JPNS 1301 Kanji I recommended)		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
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Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
JPNS 2701	TUJ - Japanese Intermediate I	4
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
One elective related to the major (JPNS 1003 Oral I recommended)		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3

GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
JPNS 2702	TUJ - Japanese Intermediate II	4
Japanese Language Skills requirement #1		3
CLA 2000+ Area Studies Elective 1 (Social Science)		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3-4
Credit Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
JPNS 3001	Advanced Japanese I	3
Japanese Language Skills requirement #2		3
CLA 2000+ Area Studies Elective 2 (Writing Intensive taught in English)		3
One CLA 2000+ Elective		3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
JPNS 3002	Advanced Japanese II	3
Japanese Language Skills requirement #3		3
CLA 2000+ Area Studies Elective 3 (Social Science)		3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
JPNS 4001	Japanese Advanced III	3
Japanese Language Skills requirement #4		3
CLA 2000+ Area Studies Elective 4 (Social Science)		3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
JPNS 4002	Japanese Advanced IV	3
One CLA 0800-4999 Elective		3
One Elective 0800-4999 in any School or College		3
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Select one of the following Capstone courses:		3
JPNS 4196	Seminar in Japanese and Japan: Japanese Society and Culture through Newspaper	
JPNS 4296	Seminar in Japanese and Japan: Business	
JPNS 4396		
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123