
Japanese

In the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages
In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages

Major in Japanese.
Minor in Japanese.

Offered by Asian and Pacific Studies

Minor in Japan studies.

Offered by International Business

Major in international business, with emphasis in Japanese.

The Major

Japanese experienced the fastest growth rate of all languages in U.S. higher education during the 1980s, and still maintains its popularity, because of the interdependence between the U.S. and Japan, Japan's role in the world economy, and the popularity of *anime* and Japanese film and music.

Students who major in Japanese will gain proficiency in Japanese language skills, a deep understanding of how cultural heritage shapes the people and society of modern Japan, and a keen sensitivity to intercultural differences.

The Japanese language program offers a broad variety of courses designed to prepare majors for a number of careers after graduation. A major in Japanese is also a good preparatory curriculum for graduate programs in such areas as international business, international law, public administration, linguistics, and journalism.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Impacted Program

The Japanese major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the Japanese major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete preparation for the major;
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Japanese Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11081) (SIMS Code: 113902)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in Japanese courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in Japanese must complete a minor or a certificate in another field to be approved by the departmental adviser in Japanese.

All students with transfer credits must take a placement test at the Testing Services office at SDSU.

NOTE: Speakers of Japanese who have completed compulsory education through junior high school in Japan are not eligible to enroll in Japanese language courses or major in Japanese. These students will not receive credit for Japanese 311, 312, 321, 322, 411, 412, 421, 422, and 480.

Preparation for the Major. Japanese 111, 112, 211, 212. (20 units)

Language Requirement. The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 24 upper division units in Japanese to include 12 units from Japanese 311, 312, 411, 412, and four courses selected from Japanese 321, 322, 421, 422, 480, or a Japan content course approved by the major adviser. No more than one upper division Japanese course taught in English may be applied to the major.

Japanese Minor

(SIMS Code: 113901)

The minor in Japanese consists of a minimum of 15 units taught in Japanese, at least 12 units of which must be in upper division Japanese courses. Any course taught in English needs department approval to apply to the minor requirements.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Japanese to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Japanese 211 or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Japanese 111, 112, and 211. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

- The first *two years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course.

2. The first *three years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters.

3. *Four years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

Japanese Language Proficiency Test

The Japanese language proficiency test is taken to assess the proficiency level and to place students at the most appropriate level in the curriculum of the Japanese language program at San Diego State University. Students who have special backgrounds, and those SDSU students who took Japanese elsewhere, including SDSU students who participated in exchange programs, are required to meet with the program adviser and to take this examination.

Test dates and times are listed in the "Special Tests" section of the *Class Schedule*.

Courses (JAPAN)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Native speakers of Japanese or students whose placement test results demonstrate educated native or near-native fluency will not receive credit for taking lower division courses.

All lower division courses in Japanese are taught in Japanese.

No credit will be given for lower division courses taken after successfully completing any upper division Japanese course taught in Japanese.

No credit will be given for Japanese 111, 112, 211, 212 taken out of sequence.

JAPAN 111. Elementary Japanese I (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Elementary language skills: fundamental grammar, idiomatic expressions, hiragana, katakana, and basic kanji characters. Reading, writing, speaking, oral-aural drills, and relationship between language and culture.

JAPAN 112. Elementary Japanese II (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Japanese 111.

Continuation of Japanese 111. Preparation for Japanese 211.

JAPAN 211. Intermediate Japanese I (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Japanese 112.

Continuation of Japanese 112. More kanji and grammar. Further development of language competence for advanced courses in Japanese. Preparation for Japanese 212.

JAPAN 212. Intermediate Japanese II (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Japanese 211.

Strengthening communication skills in Japanese; various literary styles; additional kyoiku kanji. Cultural values shaping modern Japanese society; intercultural communication. Preparation for Japanese 311.

JAPAN 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

JAPAN 299. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

All upper division courses in Japanese are taught in Japanese unless otherwise stated.

No credit will be given for Japanese 311, 312, 411, 412 taken out of sequence. Native speakers of Japanese or students whose placement test results demonstrate educated native or near-native fluency will not receive credit for Japanese 311, 312, 321, 322, 411, 412, 421, 422, and 480.

JAPAN 311. Third Year Japanese I (3) [GE]

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Japanese 212 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Japanese majors.

Continuation of Japanese 212. Strengthening of communication skills in Japanese; various literary styles; cultural values shaping modern Japanese society; intercultural communication. Preparation for Japanese 312.

JAPAN 312. Third Year Japanese II (3) [GE]

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Japanese 311 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Japanese majors.

Further strengthening of communication skills in Japanese; various literary styles; introduction of chugaku kanji. Social and economic issues in Japan and the U.S.; cultural values shaping business conduct in Japan; characteristics of Japanese management; intercultural communication. Preparation for Japanese 411.

JAPAN 321. Advanced Japanese Discourse (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 212.

Development of advanced communication skills through Japanese media such as Japanese news broadcasts and television drama. Focus on listening comprehension.

JAPAN 322. Advanced Conversation Through Media (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 311.

Development of advanced communication skills through Japanese media such as Japanese news broadcasts and television drama. Focus on oral communication.

JAPAN 332. Narratives of Japanese Popular Culture (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities.

Popular Japanese narrative traditions from 1600 to present in mainstream cultural products to include written and pictorial texts, performing arts, film, animation, and graphic novels. Class, gender, nationalism, and identity. Taught in English.

JAPAN 411. Fourth Year Japanese I (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 312.

Continuation of Japanese 312. Further strengthening of communication skills in Japanese; various literary styles; more chugaku kanji. Social and economic issues in Japan and in the U.S.; cultural values shaping business conduct in Japan; characteristics of Japanese management; intercultural communication. Preparation for Japanese 412.

JAPAN 412. Fourth Year Japanese II (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 411.

Continuation of Japanese 411. Further strengthening of communication skills in Japanese; various literary styles; most joyo kanji. Social and economic issues in Japan and the U.S.; cultural values shaping business conduct in Japan; characteristics of Japanese management; intercultural communication.

JAPAN 421. Japanese Literature Through Text and Film (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 312.

Japanese literature from earliest times to present. Major works of modern Japanese fiction as a literary genre and their cinematic interpretation.

JAPAN 422. Newspaper Reading and Advanced Composition (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 411.

Development of reading and writing skills through texts taken from current Japanese newspapers and broadcast news.

JAPAN 480. Business Japanese (3)

Prerequisite: Japanese 411.

Commercial Japanese, with emphasis on economic principles necessary for financial analysis and management, including banking system, foreign exchange market, stock market, and derivatives. Terminology and techniques used in Japanese commercial transaction. Japanese business rhetoric.

JAPAN 495. Japanese Internship (1-3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in the major and approval of instructor.

Practical work experience in a field related to Japanese studies. Work done under joint direction of activity sponsor and instructor.

JAPAN 496. Topics in Japanese Studies (1-4)

Topics in Japanese language, literature, culture and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit eight units.

JAPAN 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

