Asian Languages (Japanese), BA

Imagine new opportunities from studying Japanese. Whether you are interested in foreign service, teaching, international business, diplomacy, science and technology, entertainment or anything in between, knowledge of Japanese takes you to the next level as you expand your network personally and professionally.

Program Description

Students in the BA program in Asian languages with a concentration in Japanese study the language, literature and culture of Japan and gain a respectable measure of competence in reading, writing, and oral and aural skills in the Japanese language. Students also gain linguistic and cultural competence through the required study of classical Japanese. Throughout the program, students take courses in either Chinese or Korean language or culture and related courses in Japanese and East Asian culture on topics such as:

- art
- government
- Japanese history
- linguistics
- literary and cultural theory
- religion

In addition, ASU offers summer or yearlong programs to study abroad in Japan. More information on study abroad opportunities is available at https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in Japanese: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.japanese](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.japanese).

**Global Degree**

**Career Opportunities**

Knowledge of multiple languages and intercultural competencies enhance any occupation and offer graduates many career opportunities. Language-intensive careers include:

- foreign correspondent or media professional
- foreign service officer
- health professional
- intelligence officer
- international banking and finance professional
- international businessperson
- language teacher
- law and immigration professional
- multilingual administrative professional
- NGO professional
- professor of language, literature and culture
- social services professional
- translator or interpreter
- travel professional

Career fields and occupations using languages include:

- advertising, marketing or communications
- airline industry
- film, television or multimedia
- hospitality industry
- hotel and resort management
- intelligence
- international education and study abroad administration
- international law
- lifestyle management
- military
• ministry
• public relations
• publishing
• technology industries

Additional education and certification may be required for some career paths.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Cultural Studies Professor 🌟</td>
<td>10.5%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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