Asian Languages (Japanese), BA

Imagine the new opportunities open to you after 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 may take language courses in Chinese or Korean, or they may take courses about Chinese or Korean culture. Students also take related courses in Japanese and East Asian culture on topics such as art, government, Japanese history, linguistics, literary and cultural theory, and 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:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities
Global Experience
Study abroad is vital in learning the Japanese language. Immersing oneself in the language and culture adds value to the degree and prepares students to take off in an exciting, multicultural career with valuable skills employers seek, like heightened cultural competency, adaptability, critical thinking and communication skills. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in Japanese: [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/SILC/japanesee](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/SILC/japanesee).

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
- intelligence officer
- international banking and finance professional
- language teacher
- law and immigration professional
- multilingual administrative professional
- professor of language, literature and culture
- translator or interpreter
- travel professional

Career fields and occupations using languages include:

- advertising, marketing or communications
- airline industry
- film, television or multimedia
- hospitality industry
- intelligence
- international education and study abroad administration
- international law
- lifestyle management
- public relations
- 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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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Cultural Studies Professor  😎</td>
<td>4.9%</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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