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:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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 the Transfer Map search 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
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students 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/

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

## 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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<th>Career</th>
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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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