Studying Japanese opens the door to a variety of new career paths, new experiences and new opportunities for personal growth and exploration. Regardless of whether your interests are in foreign service, teaching, international business, diplomacy, science and technology or entertainment, the Japanese language will take you where you want to be!

**Description**

Students pursuing the minor in Asian languages (Japanese) gain an understanding of the language, literature and cultures of Japan. There are opportunities to partake in study abroad programs, which can serve to enhance a student's minor experience and education. Students should go to [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu) for more information.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

**Program Requirements**

The minor in Asian languages (Japanese) consists of 18 credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be upper-division.

Course substitutions are allowed for heritage and advanced speakers of the language.

**Required Courses -- 12 credit hours**
JPN 2** Elective (6)

Notes: JPN 201 and JPN 202 are five credit hours each, and are prerequisites to the JPN 300-level language courses. Six credit hours of the JPN 200-level courses may be applied to the Japanese minor. The remaining four credit hours will be applied to the 120 credit hours minimum for graduation. Students may opt to take JPN 210 Intensive Japanese II, an eight credit course equivalent to JPN 201 and JPN 202. The remaining two credit hours will be applied to the 120 hours minimum for graduation.

JPN 301: Third-Year Japanese I (G) (3)
JPN 302: Third-Year Japanese II (G) (3)

Upper-Division JPN Courses (Select two) -- 6 credit hours

JPN 309: Japanese Oral Communication I (3)
JPN 310: Japanese Oral Communication II (3)
JPN 311: Japanese Composition I (G) (3)
JPN 315: The Language of Japanese Popular Culture I: Gender and Onomatopoeia/Mimesis (G) (3)
JPN 316: The Language of Japanese Popular Culture II: Honorifics and Dialects (G) (3)
JPN 394: Special Topics (3)
JPN 401: Reading Modern Japanese Texts I ((L or HU) & G) (3)
JPN 414: Introduction to Classical Japanese (3)
JPN 415: Advanced Classical Japanese (3)
JPN 445: Readings in Modern Japanese Letters and Culture (3)
JPN 485: Literary Translation: Theory and Practice (3)
JPN 494: Special Topics (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BA in Asian languages (Japanese)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students who wish to add a minor in Asian Languages (Japanese) to the bachelor's degree program they are pursuing may do so by contacting the School of International Letters and Cultures advising office.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree
audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the
college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count
toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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