Asian Languages (Japanese), **Minor**

LAJPNMIN

Studying Japanese opens the door to a variety of new career paths, new experiences and new opportunities for personal growth and exploration. Regardless where your interests lie, the Japanese language can help take you where you want to be.

**Description**

Students pursuing the minor in Asian languages with a focus on 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](https://colleges.asu.edu)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](https://www.asu.edu)

**Program Requirements**

[Minor Map (Archives)](https://www.asu.edu)

2021 - 2022 Minor Map

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 -- 9 credit hours**

[JPN 301: Third-Year Japanese I (G)](https://www.asu.edu) (3)
JPN 302: Third-Year Japanese II (G) (3)
JPN 333: Japanese Civilization from the Ice Age to Last Thursday (3)

Elective Courses -- 9 credit hours

JPN 2** Elective (6)

Notes: JPN 201 (5 credit hours) and JPN 202 (5 credit hours) or JPN 210 (8 credit hours) are prerequisites to JPN 300-level language courses. A maximum of six credit hours of the JPN 200-level electives or prerequisite courses may be applied to the Japanese minor. Any remaining credit hours from the JPN 200-level courses will be applied to the 120 credit hours minimum for graduation.

JPN 309: Japanese Oral Communication I (3)
JPN 310: Japanese Oral Communication II (3)
JPN 311: Japanese Composition I (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: Japanese Literature and the Art of Translation (3)
JPN 492: Honors Directed Study or JPN 493: Honors Thesis (L) (3)
JPN 494: Special Topics (3)
JPN 499: Individualized Instruction (3)
SLC 421: Japanese Literature in Translation ((L or HU) & G) (3)

Notes: A maximum of 3 credit hours of SLC 421 may be applied to the Japanese minor.

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 with a focus on 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.

Career Opportunities

A minor enables students to enhance the marketable skills and knowledge they acquire in their major program and to also develop additional competencies.

A minor in Japanese studies helps students with communication and cultural competency skills as they pursue careers fields such as these:

- diplomacy
- education
- entertainment
- foreign service
- international business
- marketing
- military
- political analysis
- sociology
- science and technology
- teaching
- tourism and hospitality

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