

# Japanese (JPN)

## Courses

### JPN 101. First-Year Japanese. 5 Credits.

Provides thorough grounding in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Special stress on aural-oral skills. For beginners or by placement.

### JPN 102. First-Year Japanese. 5 Credits.

Provides thorough grounding in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Special stress on aural-oral skills. For beginners or by placement.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 101 or equivalent.

### JPN 103. First-Year Japanese. 5 Credits.

Provides thorough grounding in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Special stress on aural-oral skills. For beginners or by placement.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 102 or equivalent.

### JPN 160. Japanese Cultural Literacy for Travel and Business. 4 Credits.

This course is for students with no or little prior knowledge of Japanese, who plan to travel to Japan for business or/and for pleasure, and/or those who are interested in the Japanese language and culture.

### JPN 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

### JPN 198. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

### JPN 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

### JPN 201. Second-Year Japanese I. 5 Credits.

Additional training in oral-aural skills designed to build listening comprehension and fluency. Development of basic proficiency in reading and writing Japanese.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 103 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

### JPN 202. Second-Year Japanese II. 5 Credits.

Additional training in oral-aural skills designed to build listening comprehension and fluency. Development of basic proficiency in reading and writing Japanese.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 201 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

### JPN 203. Second-Year Japanese III. 5 Credits.

Additional training in oral-aural skills designed to build listening comprehension and fluency. Development of basic proficiency in reading and writing Japanese.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 202 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

BA Language Satisfying Course

### JPN 250. Manga Millennium. 4 Credits.

Surveys the 1,000-year history of visual-verbal narratives—comics—in Japan, ranging from medieval picture to modern manga.

#### **Additional Information:**

Arts Letters Area

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

### JPN 260. Workplace Communication in Japan I. 4 Credits.

Students will acquire essential linguistic skills, social etiquette, and practical knowledge to effectively perform basic business tasks in a Japanese context. This course covers fundamental aspects of Japanese business culture and its perception, alongside an exploration of cultural differences and potential communication and business challenges with Japanese counterparts. Key topics include first-time meetings, building business relationships, and understanding workplace hierarchies. JPN 260 and JPN 261 don't replace JPN 201/202/203, and won't count towards the BA 2nd Language requirement. JPN 260 and JPN 261 do not need to be taken in order.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 103 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

### JPN 261. Workplace Communication in Japan II. 4 Credits.

Students will acquire essential linguistic skills, social etiquette, and practical knowledge to effectively perform basic business tasks in a Japanese context. This course covers fundamental aspects of Japanese business culture and its perception, alongside an exploration of cultural differences and potential communication and business challenges with Japanese counterparts. Key topics include entertaining business partners, promoting inclusiveness in the workplace, understanding company benefits, and effective workplace communication. JPN 260 and JPN 261 don't replace JPN 201/202/203, and won't count towards the BA 2nd Language requirement. JPN 260 and JPN 261 do not have to be taken in order.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 103 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

### JPN 301. Third-Year Japanese I. 5 Credits.

Provides a solid foundation in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Prepares students for advanced study.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 203 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

BA Language Satisfying Course

### JPN 302. Third-Year Japanese II. 5 Credits.

Provides a solid foundation in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Prepares students for advanced study.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 301 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

BA Language Satisfying Course

### JPN 303. Third-Year Japanese III. 5 Credits.

Provides a solid foundation in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Prepares students for advanced study.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 302 or equivalent.

#### **Additional Information:**

BA Language or Arts Letters Area

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 305. Introduction to Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Historical survey of Japanese literature from the 8th century to the present. Analysis and appreciation of major works, genres, and authors such as "The Tale of Genji," Haiku, Kawabata, and Mishima. Readings in English.

**Requisites:** Prereq: WR 121Z or equivalent.

**Additional Information:**

Arts Letters Area

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

**JPN 306. Introduction to Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Historical survey of Japanese literature from the 8th century to the present. Analysis and appreciation of major works, genres, and authors such as "The Tale of Genji," Haiku, Kawabata, and Mishima. Readings in English.

**Requisites:** Prereq: WR 121Z or equivalent.

**Additional Information:**

Arts Letters Area

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

**JPN 307. Introduction to Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Historical survey of Japanese literature from the 8th century to the present. Analysis and appreciation of major works, genres, and authors such as "The Tale of Genji," Haiku, Kawabata, and Mishima. Readings in English.

**Requisites:** Prereq: WR 121Z or equivalent.

**Additional Information:**

Arts Letters Area

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

**JPN 315. Introduction to Japanese Linguistics. 4 Credits.**

Survey of general characteristics of the Japanese language in the aspects of sound structure, vocabulary, writing system, meaning, and sentence constructions. Offered alternate years.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 103.

**Additional Information:**

Arts Letters Area

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

**JPN 320. Japanese in Music. 3 Credits.**

Study of a variety of Japanese music since the 1970s. The goal is to help students develop Japanese language skills as well as cultural understanding through music.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 102 or have an equivalent background in Japanese.

**JPN 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**

Repeatable for maximum of 12 credits.

**Repeatable 11 times for a maximum of 12 credits**

**JPN 403. Thesis. 1-6 Credits.**

Repeatable for maximum of 6 credits.

**Repeatable 5 times for a maximum of 6 credits**

**JPN 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**

Studies and projects in Japanese literature or linguistics. Sources are in Japanese, English, or both. Repeatable when topic changes.

**Repeatable 99 times when topic changes**

**JPN 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 409. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 411. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 303 or equivalent.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 412. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 411.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 413. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 412.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 414. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 303 or equivalent.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 415. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 414.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 416. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 415.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 425. Modern Japanese Literature: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**

Investigates topics relevant to Japanese literary studies in a comparative context. Recent topics include youth culture, postwar literature, and contemporary literature. Repeatable twice when topic changes for maximum of 12 credits.

**Repeatable 2 times for a maximum of 12 credits when topic changes**

**Additional Information:**

Cultural Literacy: Global Perspectives

**JPN 434. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 416.

**JPN 435. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 434.

**JPN 436. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 435.

**JPN 455. Japanese Business Culture and Language. 4 Credits.**

Provides extensive training in communication skills in all formats (oral and visual) in a business setting. The goal is a successful interview of local Japanese business people conducted in Japanese.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 303 or equivalent.

**JPN 473. Japanese Environmental Cinema. 4 Credits.**

Study of Japanese environmental cinema since the 1970s. Examines environmental themes and film genres. Readings, films, and discussion in English.

**JPN 480. Early Modern Comics. 4 Credits.**

Focuses on comic books in 18th and 19th century Japan and their place in the "floating world" of popular culture.

**JPN 490. Translation and Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Explores the theory and practice of translation as it relates to Japanese literature. Students produce their own translations and critique existing translations.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 412 or JPN 416 or JPN 303.

**Additional Information:**

BA Language Satisfying Course

**JPN 503. Thesis. 1-6 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**

Studies and projects in Japanese literature or linguistics. Sources are in Japanese, English, or both. Repeatable when topic changes.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 511. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 303 or equivalent.

**JPN 512. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 511.

**JPN 513. Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete and abstract topics. Emphasis on sociolinguistic skills.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 512.

**JPN 514. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 303 or equivalent.

**JPN 515. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 514.

**JPN 516. Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese. 4 Credits.**

Development of reading skills, vocabulary, and knowledge of kanji. Writing exercises include message writing, letter writing, and short essays.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 515.

**JPN 525. Modern Japanese Literature: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**

Investigates topics relevant to Japanese literary studies in a comparative context. Recent topics include suicide and literature East and West, nations and resistance, atomic bomb literature. Repeatable twice when topic changes for maximum of 12 credits.

**Repeatable 2 times for a maximum of 12 credits**

**JPN 534. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 516.

**JPN 535. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 534.

**JPN 536. Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Reading modern Japanese literature in Japanese. Students acquire proficiency in reading, writing, and translation as well as knowledge of literature.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 535.

**JPN 573. Japanese Environmental Cinema. 4 Credits.**

Study of Japanese environmental cinema since the 1970s. Examines environmental themes and film genres. Readings, films, and discussion in English.

**JPN 580. Early Modern Comics. 4 Credits.**

Focuses on comic books in 18th and 19th century Japan and their place in the "floating world" of popular culture.

**JPN 590. Translation and Japanese Literature. 4 Credits.**

Explores the theory and practice of translation as it relates to Japanese literature. Students produce their own translations and critique existing translations.

**Requisites:** Prereq: JPN 512 or JPN 516.

**JPN 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-10 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**

Repeatable as approved by the faculty.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 606. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.**

Repeatable for maximum of 18 credits.

**Repeatable 17 times for a maximum of 18 credits**

**JPN 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.**

Studies and projects in Japanese literature, linguistics, or pedagogy.

Sources in Japanese, English, or both. Repeatable when topic changes.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 609. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**

**JPN 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**

Repeatable.

**Repeatable 99 times**