

JAPANESE LANGUAGE, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The minor in Japanese is intended to provide students with a good working knowledge of the Japanese language, culture, and society in order to broaden their horizons and sharpen their awareness in internationalism and globalization. Students undertake three years of language and culture/film/literature study (or equivalent); education abroad can be included.

What is Japanese?

The Japanese program provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language and its culture. Giving students a strong working knowledge of the Japanese language and understanding of Japanese culture, the program can help prepare students for work in contexts where the language and culture are pertinent, to live and work in Japan as informed and capable individuals equipped with appropriate intercultural skills and awareness, or for graduate study in Japan-related fields. Graduates may work in government service, domestic and foreign offices, or international agencies. Many go on to teach English in Japan or to do translation work. Employment may also be available with trade organizations, international banking houses, or U.S. companies abroad. Domestic and multinational companies are increasingly seeking employees with backgrounds in multicultural studies as a way of dealing with the global market.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in Japanese language, culture, history, or society.
- You want to live or work in Japan.
- You are aiming for a career involving travel to Japan and interaction with native speakers of Japanese.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18-20

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
JAPNS 2	Level One Japanese B	4
JAPNS 3	Level Two Japanese A	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 4 credits of the following: ¹		4
JAPNS 110	Level Two Japanese B	

JAPNS 299	Foreign Study--Intermediate Japanese	
Select 6-8 credits of the following: ¹		6-8
ASIA 499	Foreign Studies	
JAPNS 401	Level Three Japanese A	
JAPNS 402	Level Three Japanese B	
JAPNS 403Y	Level Four Japanese A	
JAPNS 404	Level Four Japanese B	
JAPNS 410	Japanese Through Manga	
JAPNS 430	Japan in the World	
JAPNS 431	Courtly Japan	
JAPNS 432	War and the Warrior in Japan	
JAPNS 433		
JAPNS 434	Beyond Anime	
JAPNS 452	Contemporary Japan: Cultures, Lifestyles, Trends	
JAPNS 453	Japanese Film	
JAPNS 454	Japanese Literature	
JAPNS 496	Independent Studies	
JAPNS 497	Special Topics	
JAPNS 499	Foreign Study--Advanced Japanese	

¹ Special topics courses in English or other courses in English do not satisfy this requirement.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Career Paths

A minor in Japanese can be the basis for careers in the public sector (diplomatic corps, armed forces, intelligence, etc.), international law, business, public relations, journalism, travel and hospitality, careers requiring foreign travel or living abroad in Japan language specialist (translating, interpreting, teaching).

Careers

With a Japanese minor you'll be prepared for a career in a wide range of industries and professions, including the public sector (diplomatic corps, armed forces, intelligence, etc.), international law, business, public relations, journalism, travel and hospitality, careers requiring foreign travel or living abroad in Asia, language specialist (translating, interpreting, teaching).

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

International Affairs programs, law, or the study of Asia in various disciplines, such as art history, literature, history, religion, philosophy, political science, and sociology.

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