

# Japanese

## Japanese Classes

### JPN 101: First-year Japanese I

Introduction to the basic structure and function of the modern Japanese language, covering the basic sound system, grammatical constructions, writing system, and basic vocabulary/expressions. Important cultural aspects of the language are discussed as well.

**Units:** 4

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

### JPN 102: First-year Japanese II

Continuing development of the fundamental aspects of the modern Japanese language as in JPN 101 with more Kanji characters and grammatical constructions.

**Units:** 4

**Prerequisites:**

JPN 101 or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

### JPN 201: Second-year Japanese I

Aims at further developing students' Japanese language proficiency in the six aspects of listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, and cultural understanding.

**Units:** 4

**Prerequisites:**

JPN 102 or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

### JPN 202: Second-year Japanese II

Continuation of JPN 201 while further enhancing students' proficiency level in listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, and cultural understanding. Necessary linguistic, cultural, and mental preparations for Study Abroad studies are included.

**Units:** 4

**Prerequisites:**

JPN 201 or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 306: Intermediate Japanese Conversation

This course is geared primarily for students who have completed JPN 202 and are preparing to study abroad in the following semester. Focuses on developing listening and speaking skills for conversations in various situations where the appropriate use of grammatical constructions and knowledge of language functions/sociolinguistics are required.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

JPN 202 and Pre-study abroad status, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 310: Advanced Japanese Conversation

Aims at further developing listening and speaking skills while learning more advanced language functions and sociolinguistics.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Any 300-level Japanese courses, Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 311: Intermediate Reading and Writing in Japanese

Intends to develop reading and writing skills while strengthening the mastery of vocabulary, expressions, Kanji characters, and grammar. Main reading materials are short essay and expository readings. Writing activities include message, letter, and journal writing.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Any 300-level Japanese courses, Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 312: Advanced Reading and Writing in Japanese

Aims at achieving more advanced-level reading and writing skills. Main reading materials are extended discourse of expository, journalistic, and literary readings. Writing focuses on expository and essay writing.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Any 300-level Japanese courses, completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 401: Cultural History of Japan

Introductory survey of Japanese culture in the ancient, medieval, and (pre-war) modern periods. Significant aspects of each period are discussed while shedding light on its culture (everyday life of the Japanese) and Culture (including thoughts, values, religions, aesthetics, political and economic circumstances). The main medium of instruction is Japanese.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 410: Japanese Literature & Film

Exploration of socio-cultural aspects of contemporary Japan through analysis and translation of literature and film. Thematic messages represented in the works are discussed in the scope of their social and cultural significance. The main medium of instruction is Japanese.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 411: Introduction to Practical Japanese Linguistics

Introduction to practical aspects of Japanese linguistics, including comparisons to other languages. The main medium of instruction is Japanese.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)

# JPN 415: Modern Japanese Culture and Contemporary Issues

Survey of modern Japanese culture and in-depth analysis of crucial issues in contemporary Japanese society and popular culture. The main medium of instruction is Japanese.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

Completion of a Study Abroad program in Japanese, or Instructor Consent.

**Program:** [Japanese](#)