

Japanese Studies

College of Liberal Arts
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

This program provides an in-depth study of Japanese language and culture aimed at applying linguistic skills and cultural insights to specific career opportunities.

Japanese is classified among the most difficult of foreign languages for American students. The highlight of the major is, therefore, one semester of intensive study in Japan during the junior or senior year. This interdisciplinary program culminates in a senior seminar on contemporary Japan. Students will begin their research project for the seminar while studying at our exchange university, Nagoya Gakuin, or at another pre-approved program. Students are encouraged to use this major in conjunction with a discipline-based major.

Major—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 116).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 120).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
 - GEOG 311W—Geography of Asia (3)
or PS 321—International Politics (3)
or PS 464W—East Asian Governments and Politics (3) 3
 - HIST 122—East Asian Civilization (3)
or HIST 331—Modern Japan (3) 3
 - JPN 301—Advanced Japanese** (3) and
JPN 302O—Advanced Japanese** (3)
or JPN 431—Studies in Japanese Culture (3) and
JPN 432—Studies in Japanese Language (3)
or equivalent in Japan (6) 6
 - JPN 331W—Women's Voices in Japanese Literature (3)
or JPN 332—Japanese Cultural Traditions and Arts (3) 3
 - JPN 397—Advanced language study in Japan (12)
or JPN 497—Advanced language study in Japan (12) 12
 - JPN 475—Seminar on Contemporary Japan 3
4. Complete one career concentration area:*** 6
5. Minimum credits required 120

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** These courses are offered in the Japanese language. Students may study in Japan during their junior year, as long as they complete a minimum of 18 credits of Japanese language at the upper-division level to fulfill the Japanese studies core requirements. 15 credits of language may be taken in Japan, and at least three upper-division language credits must be taken in residence at UAF.

*** Complete two additional courses (minimum 6 credits within or closely related to the minor discipline at the upper-division level). Because Japanese Studies is an interdisciplinary program, students are required to select a minor within a specific discipline. For example, a general business minor with two additional courses in marketing. Written approval of advisor required.

Note: Students planning a double major for a single B.A. may double count a maximum of 9 credits from the major requirements toward a second major. Students earning two degrees (B.A./B.B.A.) are not subject to double counting restrictions.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM 131X OR COMM 141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH 100X/SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON 100X OR PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X (3) _____

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language **OR**
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:

MATH 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X (3-4) _____
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.*

OR complete one of the following:*

MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X (4) _____

**Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite*

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 100X (4) _____
BIOL 103X (4) _____
BIOL 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X (4) _____
BIOL 106X (4) _____
BIOL 111X (4) _____
BIOL 112X (4) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X (4) _____
CHEM 104X (4) _____
CHEM 105X (4) _____
CHEM 106X (4) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X (4) _____
GEOS 101X (4) _____
GEOS 112X (4) _____
GEOS 120X (4) _____
GEOS 125X (4) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X (4) _____
PHYS 103X (4) _____
PHYS 104X (4) _____
PHYS 115X (4) _____
PHYS 116X (4) _____
PHYS 175X (4) _____
PHYS 211X (4) _____
PHYS 212X (4) _____
PHYS 213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0-1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test **OR**

LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing (0-1) _____

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) (0) _____
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) (0) _____
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) (0) _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED **38-39**