Japanese Studies

College of Liberal Arts
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Interdisciplinary
Degree: B.A.
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 universities, Nagoya Gakuin, or at another pre-approved program. Students are encouraged to use this major in conjunction with a discipline-based major.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJOR
Japanese Studies—B.A. Degree
Concentrations: International Business, Language and Literature ***
1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
   * GEOG 311W—Geography of Asia (3)
     or PS 312W—East Asian Governments and Politics (3)
     or PS 321—International Politics (3) .............................................. 3
   or HIST 122—East Asian Civilization (3)
   or HIST 331—Modern Japan (3) ..................................................... 3
   or 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 Literature (3)
   or equivalent in Japan (6) ............................................................ 6
   or JPN 331W—Women's Voices in Japanese Literature (3)
   or JPN 332—Japanese Cultural Traditions (3) ................................ 3
   or JPN 397—Advanced language study in Japan (12)
   or JPN 497—Advanced language study in Japan (12) .................. 12
   or JPN 475—Seminar on Contemporary Japan ................................. 3
4. Complete 1 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 2 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, 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 (BA/BBA) are not subject to double counting restrictions.