

Asian Languages (Japanese), BA

LAJPNBA

Studying Japanese opens the door to a variety of new career paths, experiences and opportunities for personal growth, career development and global exploration. Whether you are interested in foreign service, teaching, international business, diplomacy, science and technology, entertainment or anything in between, knowledge of Japanese takes you anywhere.

Program description

Students in the BA program in Asian languages with a concentration in Japanese study the language, literature and culture of Japan and gain a respectable measure of competence in reading, writing and oral and aural skills in the Japanese language. Students also gain linguistic and cultural competence through the required study of classical Japanese.

In addition, ASU offers summer or yearlong programs to [study abroad](#) in Japan.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience

for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Study abroad programs](#) are vital when learning the Japanese language. Immersing oneself in the language and culture adds value to the degree and prepares students to take off in an exciting, multicultural career with valuable skills employers seek, like heightened cultural competency, adaptability, critical thinking and communication skills.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences [recommends these programs to students majoring in Japanese.](#)

Career opportunities

Knowledge of multiple languages and intercultural competencies enhance any occupation and offer graduates many career opportunities. Language-intensive professions include:

- foreign correspondent
- foreign media professional
- foreign service officer
- intelligence officer
- international banking and finance professional
- language, literature or culture teacher
- law and immigration professional
- multilingual administrative professional
- translator or interpreter
- travel professional

Career fields and occupations using languages include:

- advertising, marketing or communications
- airline industry
- film, television or multimedia
- hospitality industry
- intelligence
- international education and study abroad administration
- international law
- lifestyle management
- public relations
- technology industries

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Cultural Studies Professor</u>	3.9%	\$80,910
<u>Customs Broker</u> ☀️	4.6%	\$71,690
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀️	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Sociologist</u> ☀️	4.5%	\$98,590
<u>Supply Chain Manager</u> ☀️	8.2%	\$98,560
<u>Translator</u>	4.3%	\$53,640

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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