

# Asian Languages - Japanese, Minor

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Studying Japanese opens the door to a variety of new career paths, experiences and opportunities for personal growth, career development and global exploration. Regardless of where your interests lie, the Japanese language can help take you where you want to be.

## Description

Students pursuing a minor in Asian languages with a focus on Japanese study the language, literature and culture of Japan while developing advanced abilities in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

A wide range of electives allows students to pursue their interests in topics such as translation, business, popular culture, technology and classical language. In addition, ASU offers summer and yearlong programs to [study abroad](#) in Japan.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Program requirements

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The minor in Asian languages (Japanese) consists of 18 credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be upper division. All courses used toward the minor must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Course substitutions are allowed for heritage and advanced speakers of the language.

## **Required Courses -- 9 credit hours**

JPN 301: Third-Year Japanese I (3)

JPN 302: Third-Year Japanese II (3)

JPN 333: Japanese Civilization from the Ice Age to Last Thursday (3)

## **Elective Courses -- 9 credit hours**

JPN 2\*\* Elective (6)

**Notes:** JPN 201 (5 credit hours) and JPN 202 (5 credit hours) or JPN 210 (8 credit hours) are prerequisites to JPN 300-level language courses. A maximum of six credit hours of the JPN 200-level electives or prerequisite courses may be applied to the Japanese minor. Any remaining credit hours from the JPN 200-level courses will be applied to the 120 credit hours minimum for graduation.

JPN 309: Japanese Oral Communication I (3)

JPN 310: Japanese Oral Communication II (3)

JPN 311: Japanese Composition I (3)

JPN 354: Zen and Japanese Culture (HU & G) (3)

JPN 355: Religious Practice of People in Modern Japan (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)

JPN 367: Religion, Philosophy and Culture in Japan (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)

JPN 394: Special Topics (3)

JPN 401: Reading Modern Japanese Texts (GCSI OR G) (3)

JPN 414: Introduction to Classical Japanese (3)

JPN 415: Advanced Classical Japanese (3)

JPN 430: Buddhist Meditation in East Asia (HU & G) (3)

JPN 445: Readings in Modern Japanese Letters and Culture (3)

JPN 485: Japanese Literature and the Art of Translation (3)

JPN 492: Honors Directed Study or JPN 493: Honors Thesis (L) (3)

JPN 494: Special Topics (3)

JPN 499: Individualized Instruction (3)

SLC 421: Japanese Literature in Translation (3)

**Notes:** A maximum of 3 credit hours of SLC 421 may be applied to the Japanese minor.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

## **Enrollment requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** 2.00

**Incompatible Majors:** BA in Asian languages (Japanese)

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

## Career opportunities

Minor programs allow students to develop additional competencies that complement the marketable knowledge and skills they acquire in their majors.

A minor in Japanese studies helps students with communication and cultural competency skills as they pursue careers fields such as:

- diplomacy
- education
- entertainment
- foreign service
- international business
- marketing
- political analysis
- science and technology
- teaching
- tourism and hospitality

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