

JAPANESE - MINOR

The Minor in Japanese is an academic program open to all students in the university. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and combines courses in Japanese language and culture with electives in Japanese studies, as well as a capstone project. The minor is a valuable complement to the academic portfolio of any student majoring in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, who wishes to add an international dimension to their intellectual profile. In addition, Japanese studies faculty offer study abroad programs in order to enrich student learning experiences and cultural knowledge while helping students attain higher proficiency in the language.

Students must complete JAPN 101 and JAPN 102 before they may declare a minor in Japanese.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Core Courses		
JAPN 201	Intermediate Japanese I	4
JAPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II	4
JAPN 301	Upper Level Japanese I	3
JAPN 302	Upper Level Japanese II	3
JAPN 491	Research	1
Elective Course		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
FILM 481	Seminar in Film Studies	
HIST 350/ ASIA 350	World War II in Asia and the Pacific	
HIST 352/ ASIA 352	Modern East Asia	
HIST 356/ ASIA 356	Twentieth Century Japan	
JAPN 325	Japanese Language and Culture through Manga	
SOCI 329	Pacific Rim Business Behavior	
SOCI 463	Gender in Asia	
Total Semester Credit Hours		18

¹ Other elective courses may be chosen in consultation with the departmental advisors.

Students must earn a C or better in all minor coursework.

Capstone Project

A capstone project completed in an approved upper-division Japanese course is required of all students pursuing a minor in Japanese during their final year of the program. The capstone project allows students to integrate knowledge and skills about topics pertaining to Japanese language, culture, history, geography, etc. that they gained through their previous classes, study abroad experience in Japan, or personal readings. Students will consult and regularly meet with an advisor to complete a reading/writing assignment about a topic of their interest pertaining to Japan.