The Department of Modern Languages
The Minor in Japanese Studies

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Required Units: 54-57
Students may double count a maximum of one course taken for the Japanese Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs.

Prerequisites
Intermediate-level proficiency in the Japanese language. This is equivalent to the completion of three courses (two at the 100-level and one at the 200-level), or placement or exemption based on Advanced Placement, Cambridge GCE Advanced level, International Baccalaureate or CMU internal placement test scores. In all cases, progress will be accelerated by study abroad, which is highly recommended for all minors. (Study abroad advisor - Dr. Yasufumi Iwasaki, yiwasaki@andrew.cmu.edu)

1. Core Courses in Japanese Studies 36-39 units
Complete four courses.

82-272* Intermediate Japanese II
82-273 Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture
82-371 Advanced Japanese I
82-372 Advanced Japanese II

*Students who place out of 82-272 must take 9 units chosen from List A electives.

2. Japanese Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives 18 units
Complete two courses (18 units) from List A, or one course (9 units) from List A and one (9 units) from List B.

List A. Japanese Studies Electives
82-373 Structure of the Japanese Language
82-374 Technical Japanese
82-473/474* Topics in Japanese Studies
Past Topics: Changing Cultural Icons – Samurai, Kamikaze, and Totoro
Youth Culture
Japanese Language and Culture from a Pragmatics Perspective
Rethinking Culture from the Marginal Voices of Japan: Intra-national Others
The Transnational Within: Multiculturalism in Japan and Beyond
82-476 Japanese Discourse Analysis
82-505 Undergraduate Internship
82-571/572* Special Topics: Japanese

*Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

List B. Interdisciplinary Electives
This list is compiled from possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their minor advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Japanese Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the minor advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

English
76-239 Introduction to Film Studies
76-386 Language & Culture
76-387 Narrative & Argument

History
79-211 East Asia in the World: 1600-Present
79-212 China and Its Neighbors: Minorities, Conquerors, and Tribute Bearers
Chinese Culture and Society
Modern China
Introduction to Global Studies
Religions of China
Modern Languages
82-234 Topics in Chinese History: China and the West
82-278 Japanese Film and Literature: The Art of Storytelling
82-280 Learning About Language Learning
82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach
82-282 Community Service Learning
82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture
82-373 Structure of the Japanese Language
82-374 Technical Japanese
82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research
82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency
82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism
Music
57-306 World Music
Philosophy
80-180 Nature of Language
80-280 Linguistic Analysis
80-281 Language & Thought
80-380 Philosophy of Language
Psychology
85-375 Cross Cultural Psychology
85-421 Language and Thought
Social and Decision Sciences
88-326 Theories of International Relations
88-384 Conflict and Conflict Resolution in International Relations
88-408 Attitudes: The Media and Conflict in International Relations