The Department of Modern Languages
The Major in Japanese Studies

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Required Units: 102-105

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 majors. (Study abroad advisor - Dr. Yasufumi Iwasaki, yiwasaki@andrew.cmu.edu)

*Students may double count four courses taken for the Japanese Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs. This does not include double-counting with General Education requirements.

1. Core Courses in Japanese Studies 36-39 units
Complete all 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. Core Courses in Modern Languages 12 units
Complete one 9-unit course in Modern Languages, plus the senior seminar (3 units) in spring of the senior year.
82-280 Learning about Language Learning
82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach
82-282 Community Service Learning
82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research
82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture
82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency
82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism
82-580 Senior Seminar (3 units)

N.B. In consultation with the major advisor, students may substitute a Modern Languages course elective with one related to language analysis, language learning, or acquisition of language and culture from the listings in Japanese Studies or from another department. Examples: 80-180 Nature of Language, 85-421 Language and Thought.

3. Japanese Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives 54 units
Complete four courses (36 units) from List A and two (18 units) from List B. With permission of the major advisor, students are encouraged to complete at least one Japanese history course that qualifies for List A or List B at the University of Pittsburgh, one in Japan during study abroad, or in a summer program at another university.

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
List B. Interdisciplinary Electives
This list is compiled from possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their major advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Japanese Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the major 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
79-261  The Last Emperors: Chinese History & Society, 1600-1900
79-262  Modern China
79-275  Introduction to Global Studies
79-310  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
80-283  It Matters How You Say It
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
4. Oral Proficiency Interview
Complete an oral proficiency interview. At the latest, this exam should be scheduled by midterm of the senior spring semester. Students are permitted to retake the test.

Study Abroad
A semester or year of study abroad is strongly recommended. Consult with your advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible options.

Senior Honors Thesis
In addition, majors are encouraged to undertake a Senior Honors Thesis (82-591/592 Modern Languages Honors Thesis or 66-501/502 H&SS Senior Honors Thesis I, II). The Honors thesis program provides qualified seniors with a valuable opportunity to synthesize their academic and personal experiences and interests accumulated during their college years here and elsewhere (Prerequisite: a 3.5 QPA in Japanese and a 3.25 QPA overall).

Sample Curriculum- Japanese Studies (B.A.)
This sample curriculum assumes that all prerequisites for 82-272 are fulfilled prior to the junior year.

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This is presented as a two-year (junior-senior) plan for completing the major requirements. It is intended to show that this program can be completed in as few as two years, not that it must be. Students may enter their major and begin major course requirements as early as the start of the sophomore year, and in some instances in the first year. Students should consult their advisor when planning their program.

This plan is also an example of the suggested sequence of study for students who have had little or no prior exposure to the language. Such students would need to satisfy the prerequisites (elementary and intermediate language study) during their freshman and sophomore years.