

BHA-Japanese Studies

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Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Japanese Studies

96 units (minimum)

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A BHA concentration in Japanese Studies promotes not just language proficiency but also an understanding of Japanese culture. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and/or who have high Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, a Cambridge GCE Advanced level or internal placement exam scores will be able to begin taking courses in the concentration earlier in their undergraduate program. In all cases, progress in the concentration will be accelerated by study abroad, which is recommended for all students.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Prerequisites

Low-intermediate-level proficiency in Japanese. This is equivalent to the completion of three courses (two at the 100-level and one at the 200-level) or may be demonstrated through CMU internal placement test scores.

Core Courses in Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics (LCAL)

(1 course, 9 units)

Complete one course.

82-282	Interpreting Global Texts & Cultures	9
82-283	Language Diversity & Cultural Identity	9
82-482	Introduction to Translation	9

Foundational Courses in Japanese Studies

(5 courses, 51 units)

82-271	Intermediate Japanese I	12
82-272	Intermediate Japanese II	12
82-273	Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture	9
82-371	Changes in Japan I: An Exploration of Critical Global Topics	9
82-372	Changes in Japan II -Changes in Japan II: Lifestyle/Religion and Gender	9

Japanese Studies Electives

(4 courses, 36 units minimum)

In consultation with the concentration advisor, choose three courses taught in Japanese and one course taught in English.