



Bachelor of Arts in Japanese

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Why should I major in Japanese at Cal State Fullerton?

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a wide range of programs in language study to meet the varying needs of today's students. The ability to communicate effectively is essential for success-oriented graduates and acquiring the competence to communicate in a second language other than English can often provide a competitive edge in today's global economy.

Communicating effectively in a second language is more than the acquisition of language skills. Students also gain insight into another culture, which often provides invaluable perspectives and greater sense of appreciation for alternate ways of life and thought. The department views language, culture and literature as integrally related facets of communication that help us achieve a better understanding of ourselves and others in the rapidly changing world we live in.

The study of another language and culture, as with other humanities and social sciences disciplines, fosters scholarship and values, social responsibility, free and critical inquiry, empirical analysis and leadership skills. Together, these elements prepare students for intellectually rewarding lives, responsible citizenship, and a wide variety of careers by developing critical thinking skills, clear writing and problem-solving skills, and a heightened understanding of the human condition.

The Japanese Program offers courses that lead to mastery of the language, as well as an understanding of the Japanese culture and people. Our goal is to enable our graduates to communicate culturally and intellectually with the Japanese people.

What types of career opportunities are available?

Increasing interaction between the United States and Japan has made mutual understanding between the two countries more important than ever. The corporate world has become aware of the need for business partners to understand each other's language and culture for effective interaction. As a result, there is a demand for people who are well versed in the language and culture of Japan.

What types of career opportunities are available?

In the past, only a minimum speaking ability was required to conduct business with Japan, such as an exchange of polite courtesies as a preamble to serious business negotiations. Today, American business people realize that they must conduct business in the Japanese way if they wish to sell goods and services in that country. It is not enough to be able to utter a few formal expressions; one has to read and write the language. Even more importantly, one has to understand the way Japanese people think and have the ability to use the language creatively in new situations.

To meet this challenge, we have organized our program so that students will become as proficient as possible in classroom situations. In addition, we offer an internship program where students have a chance to use the language in an actual business environment outside the classroom. This is required for a Bachelor of Arts in International Business with a concentration in Japanese. Since there are many Japanese companies and Japanese natives in Southern California, we invite Japanese cultural groups and company representatives to our campus for extra-curricular activities. We also offer traditional literature and linguistics courses for Japanese minor and major students. To give students more exposure to the Japanese language, we teach all of these courses in Japanese, even though most universities still teach these courses in English. Students might find this to be challenging but the results are rewarding.

What courses are required for a Japanese major?

The Bachelor of Arts in Japanese consists of 33 units of upper-division course work, including the required 3-unit upper-division writing course, which can be fulfilled by taking either Foreign Languages 301 or English 301. Each course counted toward the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Prior to undertaking upper-division work, the Japanese major must have completed the following lower-division courses or their equivalents:

Basic Requirements (20 units)

Japanese 101, 102 Fundamental Japanese A, B (5 units, 5 units)

Japanese 203, 204 Intermediate Japanese A, B (5 units, 5 units)

Upper-Division Core Requirements (18 units)

Japanese 305 Advanced Japanese A (3 units)

Japanese 306 Advanced Japanese B (3 units)

Japanese 307 Advanced Spoken Japanese (3 units)

Japanese 308 Advanced Written Japanese (3 units)

Japanese 310 Japanese for Business (3 units)

Japanese 311 Japanese for International Business (3 units)

Japanese 315 Introduction to Japanese Civilization (3 units)

Japanese 316 Modern Japan (3 units)

Upper-Division Electives (12 units)

Japanese 375 Introduction to Literary Forms (3 units)

Japanese 410 Introduction to Classical Japanese Grammar (3 units)

Japanese 430 Introduction to Japanese Classic Literature (3 units)

Japanese 440 Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature (3 units)

Japanese 466 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics (3 units)
Japanese 468 Japanese-English Contrastive Analysis (3 units)
Japanese 485T Senior Seminar: Variable Topics in Japanese (3 units)
Japanese 499 Independent Study (1-3 units)

Is a credential program available?

Japanese majors wishing to satisfy state requirements for the Subject Matter Preparation Program leading to a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Japanese must complete the 18-unit core requirements plus Japanese 466, Japanese 468 and six units from the Teacher Education Program.

Interested students should seek advisement from the Foreign Language Education Adviser for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Do you offer a minor in Japanese?

In addition to the major in Japanese, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Japanese. Students wishing to complete a minor must meet the same lower-division prerequisites as those required for the Japanese major. The upper-division requirements for the minor consists of 12 units including:

Basic Requirements (20 units)

Japanese 101, 102 Fundamental Japanese A, B (5 units, 5 units)
Japanese 203, 204 Intermediate Japanese A, B (5 units, 5 units)

Upper-Division Requirements (12 units)

Six units from the following:

Japanese 305 Advanced Japanese A (3 units)
Japanese 306 Advanced Japanese B (3 units)
Japanese 307 Advanced Spoken Japanese B (3 units)
Japanese 308 Advanced Written Japanese B (3 units)

Six units from the following:

Japanese 310 Japanese for Business (3 units)
Japanese 311 Japanese for International Business (3 units)
Japanese 315 Introduction to Japanese Civilization I (3 units)
Japanese 316 Modern Japan (3 units)
Japanese 375 Introduction to Literary Forms (3 units)
Japanese 410 Classical Japanese Grammar (3 units)
Japanese 430 Introduction to Japanese Classic Literature (3 units)
Japanese 440 Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature (3 units)
Japanese 466 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics (3 units)
Japanese 468 Japanese-English Contrastive Analysis (3 units)
Japanese 499 Independent Study (1-3 units)

What facilities and special programs are available?

For those students who want to live and study in Japan, we have an exchange program with the center for Japanese Studies at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan. Nanzan University has one of the best Japanese programs for foreign students in Japan. Students wishing to go to Nanzan University should visit the Office of International Education and Exchange, University Hall 244,

(714) 278-2787, concerning the application requirements, tuition and housing policies. For information regarding academic advisement concerning course content and regulations about transferring units, please see the Japanese Coordinator in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

The Foreign Language Laboratory provides language students with the opportunity to develop and refine their language competence outside the classroom. Materials relating to many of the texts used in a variety of courses are available in the language lab. In addition, a broad variety of audio and videotapes are available. The language lab also houses state-of-the-art, interactive computer-assisted instructional equipment with a total of 24 workstations.

What activities can I join?

Student involvement in the department is encouraged through the Japanese Club. Club activities are designed to further the development of language competencies and cultural knowledge outside of the formal classroom.

Japanese students majoring in International Business are encouraged to become involved with AIESEC, an international business student organization. The Cal State Fullerton chapter of AIESEC is active in scheduling a broad variety of programs outside the formal classroom. The Japan-United States Association is open to all students. The club activities include a variety of social events and lectures, films and other cultural events designed to enhance acquisition of language skills and cultural knowledge relating to International Business.

Who advises me?

Department faculty members provide academic and career advisement. Each student majoring or minoring in Japanese is assigned a faculty adviser. Advisement takes place during the instructors' office hours or by appointment. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisers at least once a semester.

How can I learn more?

For further information please contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6846, Fullerton, California 92831-6846, or call (714) 278-3534.

We also suggest that you visit the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in Humanities 835-C and talk with one of our advisers, or visit us on the Internet at: <http://hss.fullerton.edu/fll>