

Japanese (JPNS)

JPNS 1101. Elementary Japanese 1. (4 Hours)

Introduces basic grammar, sentence patterns, and vocabulary of Japanese with emphasis on spoken Japanese. Includes an introduction to the hiragana and katakana syllabaries in the written component. Designed for students with no previous knowledge of Japanese.

JPNS 1102. Elementary Japanese 2. (4 Hours)

Continues JPNS 1101. Emphasizes the development of oral skills; secondary emphasis is on reading. Offers students the opportunity to learn basic grammatical patterns, expand vocabulary, and improve communication skills in modern Japanese. Includes the introduction to kanji characters in the written component.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 1101 with a minimum grade of C- or JPNS 1301 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 1260. Japanese Film. (4 Hours)

Provides an introduction to Japanese film through works by such great masters as Kurosawa, Mizoguchi, and Ozu, as well as works by new directors from the 1980s and 1990s such as Tami, Morita, and Suo. Studies both form and content; relates major works to Japanese culture. Conducted in English.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

JPNS 1700. Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture. (4 Hours)

Provides an introduction to Japanese popular culture through critical analysis of mass media such as film, television, comics, and animation. Investigates various social and cultural issues, such as gender, family, and education. Films and videos supplement readings. Conducted in English.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

JPNS 1944. Cultural Engagement: Dialogue of Civilizations. (4 Hours)

Engages students on-site with the culture(s) of Japanese-speaking regions and/or communities. Emphasizes the complexity, transnationalism, and interdisciplinary nature of culture(s). Employs a range of methodological approaches to describe and analyze how cultural practices, objects, texts, and meanings are created, distributed, and exchanged within particular social groups or geographic areas. Explores questions of cultural identity, meaning, representation, policy formations, and ideologies. In addition to regular in-class lectures and activities, offers students an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with members of the local communities about their perspectives on relevant cultural topics and everyday experiences. May be repeated once. Conducted in English.

JPNS 1990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

JPNS 2101. Intermediate Japanese 1. (4 Hours)

Emphasizes further vocabulary building. Offers students an opportunity to master the fine points of grammar through written composition, prepared oral reports, and reading and discussion from contemporary Japanese materials.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 1102 with a minimum grade of C- or JPNS 1302 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 2102. Intermediate Japanese 2. (4 Hours)

Builds on JPNS 2101 and focuses on further development of vocabulary. Offers students an opportunity to continue to master grammar and conversation through written composition, prepared oral reports, and reading and discussion from contemporary Japanese materials.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 2101 with a minimum grade of C- or JPNS 2301 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 2301. Intermediate Japanese Immersion 1. (4 Hours)

Designed for students who are in a Japanese-speaking country, this is an off-campus immersion course. Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop grammatical and conversational competence. Focuses on oral and aural skills that are enhanced by the immersion environment.

JPNS 2302. Intermediate Japanese Immersion 2. (4 Hours)

Designed for students who are in a Japanese-speaking country, this is an off-campus immersion course. Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop grammatical and conversational competence. Focuses on oral and aural skills that are enhanced by the immersion environment.

JPNS 2990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

JPNS 3101. Advanced Japanese 1. (4 Hours)

Continues further development of vocabulary. Offers students an opportunity to continue to master grammar and conversation through advanced reading, composition, grammar review, and listening skills. Whenever possible, offers students an opportunity to engage in local community activities to enhance communication skills and cultural knowledge.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 2102 with a minimum grade of C- or JPNS 2302 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 3102. Advanced Japanese 2. (4 Hours)

Builds on JPNS 3101 and continues further development of vocabulary. Offers students an opportunity to continue to master grammar and conversation through advanced reading, composition, grammar review, and listening skills. Whenever possible, offers students an opportunity to engage in local community activities to enhance communication skills and cultural knowledge.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 3101 with a minimum grade of C- or JPNS 3301 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 3301. Advanced Japanese Immersion 1. (4 Hours)

Designed for students who are in a Japanese-speaking country, this is an off-campus immersion course. Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop grammatical and conversational competence.

JPNS 3302. Advanced Japanese Immersion 2. (4 Hours)

Designed for students who are in a Japanese-speaking country, this is an off-campus immersion course. Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop grammatical and conversational competence.

JPNS 3800. Special Topics in Japanese. (1-4 Hours)

Focuses on specific aspects of Japanese language and culture. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 12 semester hours, when topics vary.

Prerequisite(s): JPNS 2102 with a minimum grade of C-

JPNS 3990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

JPNS 4990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

JPNS 4992. Directed Study. (1-4 Hours)

Offers students a way of going beyond work given in the regular curriculum; may also enable students to complete major or minor requirements in certain situations. Priority is given to language majors and to juniors and seniors. May be repeated without limit.

JPNS 5976. Directed Study. (1 Hour)

Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated without limit.