

# Modern Language, BA, Japanese Emphasis

## Specific Requirements for the **Concentration Emphasis** in Japanese

Each major with **a concentration an emphasis** in Japanese must complete the following courses:

JAPAN 2101	Intermediate Japanese I	5
JAPAN 2102	Intermediate Japanese II	5
JAPAN 2170	Kanji: A Radical Approach	3
JAPAN 3201	Intermediate Japanese III	4
JAPAN 3202	Intermediate Japanese IV	4
JAPAN 3280	Readings in Japanese	3
JAPAN 4301	Advanced Japanese I	3
JAPAN 4302	Advanced Japanese II	3
JAPAN 4380	Advanced Readings in Japanese	3
Select <b>9 6</b> hours from the following: <sup>1</sup>		<b>9 6</b>
<del>ANTHRO 3237</del>	<del>Contemporary Japanese Culture</del>	
<del>HIST 3031</del>	<del>Modern Japan: From the Meiji Restoration to the Present</del>	
<del>HIST 3033</del>	<del>Modern History of the Asian Pacific Rim</del>	
ANTHRO/HIST 2420	Maiko, Maids, and Masako: Women in Japanese Cultural History	
ANTHRO/HIST 2430	Ghosts, Goblins, and Godzillas	

ANTHRO/HIST 2425	Food and Drink in Japan: A Cultural History
ANTHRO/HIST 3218	Visual and Material Culture of Japan
JAPAN 1005	Practicum in East Asian Calligraphy
JAPAN 1011	Anime Nation: Popular Culture in Japan
JAPAN 1199	Special Topics: Language Immersion: Japanese
JAPAN 2111	The World of Anime - Advanced Topics in Japanese Animation
JAPAN 2150	Classical Japanese Literature in Translation
JAPAN 2191	Special Topics in Japanese Culture
JAPAN 3210	Japanese Culture and Society
JAPAN 3211	Topics in Japanese Culture
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup> Only three hours may be taken at the 1000 level.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The Japanese Studies BA currently requires 9 credit hours of Japanese Studies electives. We want to reduce the elective requirement to 6 credit hours and add the 3-credit JAPAN 2170 (Kanji: A Radical Approach) as a required course for the BA. Students who complete JAPAN 2170 have learned how to use radicals to interpret unfamiliar kanji and more efficiently commit them to memory. JAPAN 2170 sets them up for success in subsequent language courses, particularly JAPAN 3280 (Readings in Japanese) and JAPAN 4380 (Advanced Readings in Japanese). Because students have learned effective strategies for learning and remembering characters, they are able to devote less time to rote memorization and are better positioned to develop higher order reading skills. (Instructors teaching upper level courses have noted a difference between students who have taken JAPAN 2170 as an elective versus those who haven't.)