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UMSL

And your major.

Modern Language BA with an emphasis in Japanese

Knowledge of Japanese will empower you to dive deep into Japan's rich cultural heritage, which spans from "The Tale of Genji" to "Attack on Titan" and beyond. Students who choose to study Japanese at UMSL benefit from faculty who are dedicated to creating a challenging but supportive learning environment. You will engage with the language and culture in the classroom, out of the classroom through on-campus events and Japan-America Student Association involvement, and in a variety of study abroad opportunities. Come join a vibrant community of learners who share a passion for language study and Japan!

Career Outlook

Graduates with Japanese proficiency are more attractive to Japanese companies and the many companies that do business in and with Japan. Japan is one of the United States' top trading partners, the second largest source of foreign direct investment into the U.S. and Japanese has been designated a "critical language" by the State Department. Our graduates have been especially successful when they combine advanced study of Japanese with another major.

Career Options

- Intercultural Training Consultant
- International Analyst
- International Business Coordinator
- Language Educator
- Translator/Interpreter/Localizer
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- NGO Specialist
- International Travel or Study Coordinator

Skills Developed through Degree Completion

- Effectively communicate in Japanese in a variety of situations
- Effectively interpret authentic texts in a variety of genres
- Adapt communication strategies in culturally appropriate ways
- Interpret language and behavior to facilitate communication between cultures
- Recognize and describe some of the key forces that shape Japanese society
- Analyze and critique products of Japanese culture in their socio-historical contexts

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language Emphasis in Japanese

Year
1

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

JAPAN 1001: Beginning Japanese (5)
ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

JAPAN 1002: Beginning Japanese II (5)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED CORE: Communications Proficiency (3)
GEN ED CORE: US History & Government (3)

Year
2

FALL SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

JAPAN 2101: Intermediate Japanese I (5)
GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
FGN LANG 2100: Languages & World View (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

JAPAN 2102: Intermediate Japanese II (5)
JAPAN 2170: Kanji: A Radical Approach (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

Year
3

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

JAPAN 3201: Intermediate Japanese III (4)
JAPAN XXXX: Japanese Studies Elective (3)
ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

JAPAN 3202: Intermediate Japanese IV (4)
JAPAN 3280: Readings in Japanese (3)
JAPAN XXXX: Japanese Studies Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

Year
4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

JAPAN 4301: Advanced Japanese I (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

JAPAN 4302: Advanced Japanese II (3)
JAPAN 4380: Advanced Readings in Japanese (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (4)



Degree completed!

2023-2024 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. ***This map is not a substitute for academic advisement.*** Contact your advisor when making final selections.



– University Studies

is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



– Milestone courses

should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



– Summer and Intersession courses

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



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