

Japanese (JPNS)

JPNS 1010 LH Beginning Japanese I 4

Offers an introduction to basic Japanese. Uses various methods of instruction that focus on the development of functional competence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Provides comprehensive explanations of basic Japanese grammar along with structural practice for building language accuracy. Lab access fee of \$10 applies.

JPNS 1020 LH Beginning Japanese II 4

* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of JPNS 1010

Offers a continuation of basic Japanese. Uses various methods of instruction that focus on the development of functional competence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Provides comprehensive explanations of basic Japanese grammar along with structural practice for building language accuracy. Lab access fee of \$10 applies.

JPNS 115R Japanese Conversation I 1

Offers novice Japanese speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, and sharpen listening comprehension for natural conversational flow. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

JPNS 1500 The Art of Japanese Calligraphy 2

Introduces the origin of the art of calligraphy, the reasons why calligraphy developed and became so popular in Japan, works done by famous calligraphers, how to handle a brush and India ink, and how to write letters with a brush. Demonstrates the proper usage of the brush, correct stroke orders, and develops the skills of writing letters (start from level 1- easy to level 8- difficult) with a brush.

JPNS 2010 LH Intermediate Japanese I 4

* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of JPNS 1020

Offers a continuation of basic Japanese. Reviews and builds additional skills from 1000-level language courses. Uses various methods of instruction that focus on the development of functional competence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Introduces authentic texts and provides discussions based on reading. Provides comprehensive explanations of basic Japanese grammar along with structural practice for building language accuracy. Lab access fee of \$10 applies.

JPNS 202G HH Intermediate Japanese II 4

* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of JPNS 2010

Reviews and builds further language skills upon the grammar, reading, writing (including Kanji knowledge), and conversation skills learned in the previous JPNS 1010, 1020, and 2010. Introduces reading of a variety of texts in Japanese. Lab access fee of \$10 applies.

JPNS 2110 Conversational Japanese 3

* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of JPNS 1020

Emphasizes conversation in real-life situations that may be encountered in Japan. Focuses on vocabulary and structures. Introduces a variety of readings and multimedia materials and promotes oral proficiency.

JPNS 215R Japanese Conversation II 1

* Prerequisite(s): Students should have equivalent knowledge of JPNS 1020

Offers lower division / novice Japanese speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, sharpen listening comprehension, and develop conversational strategies such as circumlocution and managing a conversation with useful expressions for starting a conversation, gaining time to think, helping the other speaker, seeking agreement, etc. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

JPNS 251G Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society 3

Introduces Japanese culture and society by exploring its history, religion, government, customs and traditions. Analyzes and evaluates the differences and similarities between Japanese and American cultures. Taught in English and little or no Japanese language skill required. Fulfills the requirements for a G/ I course.

JPNS 3050 Advanced Japanese 3

* Prerequisite(s): It is recommended that students have passed JPNS 202G, have had one year residency in Japan, or instructor approval

For non-native Japanese speakers who have attained basic mastery of Japanese and some Kanji reading skills. Focuses on the development of Japanese language skills with emphasis on grammar review, reading, and writing. Introduces Japanese culture and literature. Lab access fee of \$10 applies.

JPNS 315R Advanced Japanese Conversation 1

* Prerequisite(s): JPNS 202G or one year residency in a Japanese-speaking country, or instructor approval. University Advanced Standing.

Offers speaking opportunities to middle or upper division Japanese learners to enhance their speaking proficiency in high level language by focusing on oral and verbal production. Improves authentic pronunciation, reduces grammatical and structural errors, and aids student progression beyond translation to natural production. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

JPNS 3200 Business Japanese 3

* Prerequisite(s): JPNS 3050 and University Advanced Standing

For those who plan to pursue careers in international business or related fields, learn the business language for Japanese, and understand related cultural protocol in Japanese society. Prepares students to take the Business Japanese Proficiency Tests sponsored by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). Explores how students can effectively and respectfully pursue business activities with Japanese companies within the framework of Japanese culture. Taught predominantly in Japanese.

Course Descriptions

JPNS 351G

Japanese Culture and Civilization

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* Prerequisite(s): JPNS 3050 and University
Advanced Standing

Explores chronologically the cultural formation and development of Japan. Examines and discusses the ethnic development and linguistic history from ancient to modern Japanese society. Analyzes and evaluates the differences and similarities between the Japanese and American cultures. Class instruction and presentations in Japanese. Fulfills the requirements for a G/I course.

JPNS 3520

Society and Business in Japan

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* Prerequisite(s): JPNS 3050 and University
Advanced Standing

Builds upon the knowledge acquired in JPNS 3200, explores a multitude of aspects that contribute to Japanese national identity, focuses on Japan's complex vertical society, considers the intricacies of Japanese expressions and meanings relative to business and social applications, and studies the Japanese values and priority system. Also references Japan's national and global economic involvement and ways students can interface with it.