



JAPANESE STUDIES

Japanese is one the fastest growing foreign languages studied in the United States. Besides being the native language of 120 million people, it is recognized as one of the major languages of commerce and culture in Asia. This minor also offers the opportunity for you to learn an ancient culture that produced the first novel and technological innovations. Japanese language is essential to understanding Japanese people, culture and business.

Considered a critical language by the U.S. Department of State, you will be competitive for a critical language scholarship (CLS) by participating in this area of study. The CLS program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language acquisition.

Academics

UPPER LEVEL LANGUAGE COURSES

Select 6 hours from the following:

- JAPN 301 Advanced Conversation and Composition I
- JAPN 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition II
- JAPN 303 Advanced Grammar and Reading I
- JAPN 304 Advanced Grammar and Reading II

ADDITIONAL JAPANESE COURSE

Select at least one additional course above 204 from the list above or below (3 hours):

- JAPN 307 Business Japanese I
- JAPN 308 Business Japanese II
- JAPN 331 Introduction to Japanese Film
- JAPN 332 Japanese Popular Culture
- JAPN 333 Japanese Business Culture and Protocol
- JAPN 387 Ecocriticism in Japanese Literature and Media
- JAPN 391 Special Topics in Japanese
- JAPN 396 Independent Study in Japanese
- JAPN 483 Modern Japanese Literature and Culture in Translation

AREA STUDIES OR ADDITIONAL JAPANESE COURSES

Select 6 additional hours from the lists above or area studies courses from the list below:

- GLST / ANTH / MODL 214 Food and Culture
- HIST 282 Modern East Asia
- HIST 381 History of Premodern Japan
- RELG 218 Buddhism

Special Topics courses or alternative courses must pertain to Japanese language, literature or culture and be approved by the minor advisor.

For a complete list of applicable courses see Catalog and minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

The Japanese Conversation Table meets in the Kawasaki Reading Room for Japanese Studies and allows students to practice and further their understanding of Japanese language. The Kawasaki Reading Room provides educational resources and shares Japanese culture, art, language and history with the UNL and Lincoln community. In this space students can find a large collection of Japanese books, magazines, and journals and they have the opportunity to attend speaker series, events, workshops, tea ceremonies, and Japanese tutoring sessions.

There are also several education abroad opportunities for students to travel to Japan to advance their understanding of the language and culture.

Students interested in working internationally will benefit from minoring in a foreign language. Language skills contribute to successful careers in such fields as sciences, government, business and non-profit/humanitarian work as employers hire candidates with strong communication skills.