



## JAPANESE

Japanese is one of 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 other innovations. Japanese language is essential to understanding Japanese people, culture and business.

Considered a critical language by the US 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 gains.

### Academics

*Select three courses:*

- **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
- **JAPN 307** Business Japanese I
- **JAPN 308** Business Japanese II
- **JAPN 331** Introduction to Japanese Film

*Select one course:*

- **JAPN 331** Introduction to Japanese Film *or*  
**JAPN 483** Modern Japanese Literature and Culture in Translation
- **MODL 398** Special Topics *or*  
**MODL 498** Special Topics
- **ANTH 366** Peoples and Cultures of East Asia

*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 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 the Japanese language.

There are also several education abroad opportunities for students to travel to Japan to further 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 the sciences, government, business and non-profit/humanitarian work as employers hire candidates with strong communication skills.

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Join the Global Friends of Japan student organization and take on a leadership role.