

Japanese Studies

Modern Languages Major: Japanese International Concentration (30 credits for concentration) MAJMLA+CONJSI

Students who have been accepted to go on exchange in Japan may apply for a Japanese Studies International Concentration within the Major in Modern Languages.

Courses are chosen prior to the exchange in consultation with the Head of the Japanese Studies section.

Minor in Japanese Studies (24 credits) MINJSE

The Minor in Japanese Studies is designed to provide students with an intermediate to advanced level competence in Japanese along with an understanding of various aspects of Japanese society, its civilization, its culture and its institutions.

For a Minor in Japanese Studies students must complete 24 credits:

JSE 101	Introduction to Japanese Language I
JSE 102	Introduction to Japanese Language II
JSE 201	Intermediate Japanese Language I
JSE 202	Intermediate Japanese Language II
JSE 301	Advanced Japanese Language I
JSE 302	Advanced Japanese Language II
JSE 150	Japanese Society and Culture
JSE 310	Independent Study: Topics in Japanese Language and Culture I
JSE 311	Independent Study: Topics in Japanese Language and Culture II
JSE 320	Introduction to Debate in Japanese
JSE 330	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics
JSE 401	Internship in Yamaguchi I
JSE 402	Internship in Yamaguchi II
JSE 411	Internship in Nagasaki I
JSE 412	Internship in Nagasaki II

List of Japanese Courses

Japanese Language Courses

JSE 100	Introduction to Japanese Language I-II Intensive Course	6-6-2
This course covers the contents of JSE 101 and JSE 102 in one semester.		
JSE 101	Introduction to Japanese Language I	3-3-1
The purpose of the course is to equip students with grammatical patterns and basic vocabulary of present day, standard Japanese. Hiragana, one of the three writing systems of the language, will be gradually introduced, followed by Katakana and Kanji. Grammar sessions will be conducted in English while in drill sessions maximum use of Japanese will be expected. Concurrent registration of JSE 150 strongly recommended for exchange programs.		
JSE 102	Introduction to Japanese Language II	3-3-1
Continuation of Introduction to the Japanese Language I. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 101 or equivalent		
JSE 201	Intermediate Japanese Language I	3-3-1
This course introduces students to more grammatical (as well as lexical) items that can be put to immediate use. The purpose of the course is to equip the students with comprehensive grammatical patterns and vocabulary of present-day, standard Japanese at the basic level. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 100 or JSE 102 or equivalent		

JSE 202	Intermediate Japanese Language II	3-3-1
Continuation of Intermediate Japanese Language I. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 201 or equivalent		
JSE 301	Advanced Japanese Language I	3-3-1
This course completes the over-all syntax of present-day Japanese, providing the students with a solid foundation for further studies in the field of their choice. The course adds more vocabulary as well as Kanji. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 202 or equivalent		
JSE 302	Advanced Japanese Language II	3-3-1
Continuation of Advanced Japanese I. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 301 or equivalent		
JSE 320	Introduction to Debate in Japanese	3-3-0
This course provides an introduction to formal, academic debate in Japanese. The course covers (1) the theoretical background where you will learn how to define key terms, how to construct arguments, how to refute your opponent's arguments, etc., (2) how to prepare for debates and (3) practice debating in Japanese (cross examination style). <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 202 or Instructor's Permission		
JSE 330	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3-3-0
This course introduces the basic aspects of Japanese linguistics in the areas of phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language variation. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 202 or permission of instructor		

Courses on Japan

JSE 150	Japanese Society and Culture	3-3-0
This course is designed to give a basic level of knowledge on the main aspects of modern Japanese society and culture. The aim is twofold: first, to present modern Japan as it might be seen by the Japanese themselves, in hope that the student might learn to perceive Japanese society and culture from a Japanese point of view, and; second, to introduce some of the minute details – the intricacies – of everyday life in Japan which the student might not be aware of, yet which will help him or her to better understand and experience the ways of Japan. Concurrent registration of JSE 101 strongly recommended for exchange programs.		
JSE 310	Independent Study: Topics in Japanese Language and Culture I	3-3-0
Students will undertake projects related to some aspect of Japanese language, literature, society, and/or culture. <i>Prerequisite</i> JSE 202 or instructor's permission		
JSE 311	Independent Studies: Topics in Japanese Language and Culture II	3-3-0
Students will undertake projects related to some aspect of Japanese language, literature, society and/or culture. <i>Prerequisite:</i> JSE 202 or Instructor's Permission		
JSE 401	Internship in Yamaguchi I	3-3-0
This is a one-year-long internship program that provides rare, hands-on experience of Japan, within the framework of the Japanese Studies Program. Students will work as assistants at a nursery school of the Town of Abucho, Yamaguchi, Japan with many generous benefits. <i>Prerequisite:</i> JSE 101 and JSE 102 as well as an approval of the section chief of the Japanese Studies Program		
JSE 402	Internship in Yamaguchi II	3-3-0
This is a one-year-long internship program that provides rare, hands-on experience of Japan, within the framework of the Japanese Studies Program. Students will work as assistants at a nursery school of the Town of Abucho, Yamaguchi, Japan with many generous benefits. <i>Prerequisite:</i> JSE 101 and JSE 102 as well as an approval of the section chief of the Japanese Studies Program		
JSE 411	Internship in Nagasaki I	3-3-0
<i>This is a one-year-long internship program where participating JSE students have the opportunity to improve their communication skills in Japanese while working as interns in a hotel in Japan. The work is primarily in the area of hospitality and customer services. This internship provides a rare opportunity to experience Japanese language and culture from the inside.</i> <i>Prerequisites:</i> JSE 202 or equivalent, and JSE 150		
JSE 412	Internship in Nagasaki II	3-3-0
<i>This is a one-year-long internship program where participating JSE students have the opportunity to improve their communication skills in Japanese while working as interns in a hotel in Japan. The work is primarily in the area of hospitality and customer services. This internship provides a rare opportunity to experience Japanese language and culture from the inside.</i> <i>Prerequisites:</i> JSE 202 or equivalent, and JSE 150		