

# JAPN - Japanese

## **JAPN 111F Beginning Japanese (6 Credit Hours)**

This course introduces basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills, including the three forms of written Japanese: Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji. Students will have the opportunity to interact with Japanese students on campus through the coursework. The course enhances speaking and listening skills and provides awareness of the Japanese style of communication. Analyzing Japanese sentence structures and grammar leads students to be aware of the different value systems of a high context culture.

## **JAPN 195 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics designed as electives for non-majors. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

## **JAPN 196 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics designed as electives for non-majors. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

## **JAPN 212 Intermediate Japanese (6 Credit Hours)**

The main focus of this course is to build communication skills, developing the basic language skills acquired in JAPN 111F. Students may have an opportunity to exchange emails with a Japanese speaker in addition to direct or online conversation. Through this interaction, skills to negotiate meaning are gained. Use of authentic TV materials introduces pragmatic features that are unique to Japanese. Through systematic explicit instruction of the skills using pragmatic elements, skills for a Japanese style of communication are enhanced.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 111F

## **JAPN 295 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics designed as electives for non-majors. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

**Prerequisites:** 6 hours at the 100 level

## **JAPN 296 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics designed as electives for non-majors. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

**Prerequisites:** 6 hours at the 100 level

## **JAPN 301 Intermediate to Advanced Japanese I (3 Credit Hours)**

This course aims to develop the oral and written communicative proficiency gained up until the JAPN 212 course. Students learn vocabulary, sentence structures, kanji, communication skills, and various aspects of Japanese culture. Throughout the course, students evaluate and monitor their own progress and utilize feedback from others for further progress.

**Prerequisites:** A grade of C or better in JAPN 212 or advanced placement

## **JAPN 302 Intermediate to Advanced Japanese II (3 Credit Hours)**

This course aims to develop the oral and written communicative proficiency gained up until the JAPN301 course. Students learn vocabulary, sentence structures, kanji, communication skills, and various aspects of Japanese culture. Throughout the course, students evaluate and monitor their own progress and utilize feedback from others for further progress.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 301

## **JAPN 305 Speaking and Writing Workshop (3 Credit Hours)**

In this course, each student will work with a Japanese speaker as a mentor to learn natural communication skills in both speaking and writing. Keeping a journal in the blog style and having the entries revised by their mentor, students will utilize a variety of learned sentence structures and expand their vocabulary.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 or advanced placement

## **JAPN 309 Kanji Skills for Reading Japanese (3 Credit Hours)**

This course introduces the basic structure of kanji, which is one of the forms of written Japanese, and the history behind its creation as well as cultural aspects of kanji usage in Japanese society. Identifying radicals or parts of kanji, and understanding the system of Kanji compounds, makes it possible to easily guess the meaning of kanji characters. Advanced reading skills are efficiently developed by guessing the meaning of kanji. Daily journal writing on authentic novels or newspaper articles builds vocabulary and enhances flexibility with reference materials.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212

## **JAPN 310 Japan: A Cultural Odyssey (3 Credit Hours)**

Exploration of Japanese culture and society from local and global perspectives. Topics may include language, arts, literature, music, food, traditional and contemporary culture, entertainment, media, religion, gender, education and work. The course aims to foster in-depth cultural understanding beyond stereotypes and to develop critical thinking and analytical skills to reflect on one's own experiences and assumptions about cultural similarities and differences. All readings, discussions, and lectures in English. No knowledge of Japanese is necessary. Cross-listed with WCS 310.

**Prerequisites:** ENGL 110C and junior standing or permission of the instructor

## **JAPN 311 Communicative Competence: Speaking and Listening (3 Credit Hours)**

The primary objective of this course is to increase fluency in spoken Japanese and to make the students aware of cultural difference. The different modules are designed to enrich the students' knowledge of the language and the culture. An oral presentation in a small group gives students the opportunity to practice communication skills unique to the Japanese language, which is a high context culture. Advanced speaking and listening skills are developed through interviews with exchange students from Japan. Advanced written communication skills are gained through dynamic information exchange activities to learn about Japanese students on campus.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 with a grade of C or above or a satisfactory score on the placement test

## **JAPN 312 Communicative Competence: Writing and Reading (3 Credit Hours)**

The primary objective of this course is to strengthen communication skills in spoken and written Japanese in formal/semi-formal contexts as well as to lead students to reflect on their own culture(s) critically. Special emphasis is placed on the different levels of honorific language use, which may not be found in the students' society. Cultural and social topics are explored through authentic materials to familiarize students with knowledge of Japan and its diverse people. Insightful cultural awareness is gained through the process of making appointments and conducting online interviews with a person in Japan.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 with a grade of C or above or a satisfactory score on the placement test and JAPN 311

## **JAPN 335 Japanese Society and Language (3 Credit Hours)**

This course explores the social and cultural aspects of the Japanese language. It examines actual language use in various social settings and contexts by different people, including the use of regional dialects, gendered language, speech levels, and fictional role languages.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 or permission of the instructor

## **JAPN 395 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

This course provides a study of selected topics in Japanese. Topics vary with the semester and the instructor. Expectations for materials covered and produced for the class vary with the level (higher-level classes will have higher expectations). Contact the Japanese Program Coordinator for details about specific topics covered in a given semester.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 or the equivalent

## **JAPN 396 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics in Japanese. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 212 or the equivalent

**JAPN 422/522 Analyzing Japanese Conversation (3 Credit Hours)**

This course examines Japanese conversation from a comparative perspective using the framework of Conversation Analysis. It explores the basic mechanisms of social interaction in English and Japanese spoken discourse with a particular focus on everyday talk.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 445 Japanese Language Acquisition and Teaching (3 Credit Hours)**

This course introduces students to fundamental principles of second language acquisition (SLA) and teaches them practical skills to develop course materials and class activities informed by SLA principles. The course covers world language learning and teaching in general but focuses on Japanese as a second or world language when working on course material and activity development.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 495/595 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

This course provides a study of selected topics in Japanese. Topics vary with the semester and the instructor. Expectations for materials covered and produced for the class vary with the level (higher-level classes will have higher expectations). Contact the Japanese Program Coordinator for details about specific topics covered in a given semester.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 311 and JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 496/596 Topics in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics in Japanese. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 311 and JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 498 Tutorial Work in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 311 and JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 522 Analyzing Japanese Conversation (3 Credit Hours)**

This course examines Japanese conversation from a comparative perspective using the framework of Conversation Analysis. It explores the basic mechanisms of social interaction in English and Japanese spoken discourse with a particular focus on everyday talk.

**Prerequisites:** JAPN 312 or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 595 Topics in Japanese (1-6 Credit Hours)**

This course provides a study of selected topics in Japanese. Topics vary with the semester and the instructor. Expectations for materials covered and produced for the class vary with the level (higher-level classes will have higher expectations). Contact the Japanese Program Coordinator for details about specific topics covered in a given semester.

**Prerequisites:** third-year Japanese or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 596 Topics in Japanese (1-6 Credit Hours)**

A study of selected topics in Japanese. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described by academic advisors.

**Prerequisites:** third-year Japanese or permission of the instructor

**JAPN 697 Tutorial Work in Japanese (1-3 Credit Hours)**

Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.

**Prerequisites:** Permission of the instructor