Japanese - Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The undergraduate degree in Japanese emphasizes knowledge and awareness of:

- The outlines of the history of Japanese literature from the Nara period to the present.
- The outlines of Japanese historical and cultural development.
- Appropriate research strategies for Japanese language, literature and culture.

Students completing the degree in Japanese are expected to acquire the ability and skills to:

- Speak and comprehend Japanese sufficiently for daily life.
- Read, interpret and analyze modern written texts.
- Compose letters and simple compositions.
- Use cultural awareness and understanding to function appropriately in a range of social situations.
- Communicate the results of research in English.

In addition, students target one or more of the following goals:

- Read and comprehend classical Japanese, with the aid of appropriate reference works.
- Translate a range of Japanese texts into English.
- Understand and analyze the structure of the Japanese language and communication patterns in Japanese.

With a Japanese major (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/majors/), students will have skills, information and concepts that are relevant to careers in virtually every area. Competency in a foreign language is a highly desirable skill in all fields. A knowledge of Japanese is particularly beneficial and useful in business, engineering, industry, commerce, the civil or foreign service, law, library science, natural and social sciences, the media, economics, public administration, journalism, government and teaching at all levels. In addition, Japan is an increasing source of a wide variety of excellent careers, as it is among the world's largest economies (http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/GDP.pdf) and trading partners with the U.S. and Colorado.

Students are encouraged to consider combining their Japanese language training with courses in these or other fields. Additional career opportunities can be found on the Career Services website (http://www.colorado.edu/career/).

Requirements

Program Requirements

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below. JPNS 1010, JPNS 1020 and JPNS 2110 do not count toward the maximum of 45 credit hours in the major department.

The major program for the BA degree in Japanese requires successful completion of 30 credit hours, of which at least 18 credit hours must be at the upper-division level.

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Electives

The remaining 15 credit hours should be chosen from the courses listed below; 6 of these credit hours may be satisfied by courses focusing wholly or substantially on Japan offered in other departments, subject to approval by the Japanese undergraduate faculty advisor; and 9 of these credit hours must be at the upper-division level.

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<td>Japanese Culture through Film and Anime</td>
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<td>JDNS2811</td>
<td>Heroes and the Supernatural: Word and Image in Old Japan</td>
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<td>JDNS3200</td>
<td>Adv Wrtg Topics on Chinese &amp; Japanese Literature and Civilization (recommended)</td>
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<td>Japanese Colonial and Transnational Literature</td>
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<td>Fantasy and Sci-Fi in Japanese Literature, Film and Culture</td>
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<td>From Rebellion to Calamity: Contemp Japanese Lit in Transl</td>
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<td>Love, Death, and Desire: Classical Japanese Literature in Translation</td>
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Total Credit Hours: 30

1. Transfer credit for these courses, whether from universities in this country or abroad, will be considered only in exceptional cases; normally, no credit toward the major will be given for these courses unless taken in residence.

2. Independent Study will be considered only in exceptional cases. Please consult with the Japanese Undergraduate Faculty Advisor.

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**Graduating in Four Years**

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in Japanese, students should meet the following requirements:

- Declare the major by the first semester of sophomore year.
- Students wishing to major in Japanese and who have no prior knowledge of the language should begin the required major courses no later than the sophomore year.
- Students must consult with the department’s undergraduate academic advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising/) to determine adequate progress toward completion of the major. An example four-year plan is available on the department website (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/majors/).

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**Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study**

Through the required coursework for the major, students will fulfill all 12 credits of the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement, and potentially, the Upper-division Written Communication component of the Gen Ed Skills Requirement and the Global Perspective category of the Gen Ed Diversity Requirement.

### Year One

**Fall Semester**
- JPNS 1010: Beginning Japanese 1 (does not fulfill JPNS major credit requirement) 5
- JPNS 1051 or JPNS 1012: Masterpieces of Japanese Literature in Translation or Introduction to Japanese Civilization 3
- Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS) 3
- Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication) 3
- Elective/MAPS 3

**Spring Semester**
- JPNS 1020: Beginning Japanese 2 (language prerequisite, does not fulfill JPNS major credit requirement) 5
- HIST 1708: Introduction to Japanese History (optional: fulfills 3 credit hour non-JPNS elective) 3
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences) 3

**Credit Hours**: 17

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**Year Two**

**Fall Semester**
- JPNS 2110: Intermediate Japanese 1 (language prerequisite, does not fulfill JPNS major credit requirement) 5
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences and Lab) 4
- Elective 3

**Credit Hours**: 14

**Spring Semester**
- JPNS 2120: Intermediate Japanese 2 5
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences) 3
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) 3

**Credit Hours**: 14

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**Year Three**

**Fall Semester**
- JPNS 3110: Advanced Japanese 1 5
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences) 3
- JPNS Upper-division Major Elective 3
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) 3

**Credit Hours**: 14

**Spring Semester**
- JPNS 3120: Advanced Japanese 2 5
- JPNS Upper-division Major Elective 3
- Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) - Upper-division 3
- Upper-Division Elective 3
- Upper-Division Elective 3

**Credit Hours**: 17

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**Year Four**

**Fall Semester**
- Upper-division Elective 3
- Upper-division Elective 3
- Upper-division Elective 3

**Credit Hours**: 15

**Spring Semester**
- Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences) 3
- Upper-division Elective 3
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- Upper-division Elective 3

**Credit Hours**: 15

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**Elective/MAPS** 3

### Credit Hours

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1. JPNS 1012 recommended; fulfills both JPNS major requirement and the Global Perspective category in the Gen. Ed. Diversity Requirement.

**Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s Degree Program(s)**

The Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor’s and master’s degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor’s degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior year). Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor’s and the master’s degrees, students receive a master’s degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master’s degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor’s–accelerated master’s program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

**BA in Japanese, MA in Asian Languages and Civilizations**

The Bachelor’s-Accelerated Master’s (BAM) degree in Japanese recognizes the need for master’s-level training upon entering the job market in a variety of sectors that call for highly advanced proficiency in the Japanese language, knowledge of the culture of Japan and its literature, and the skills acquired by BA and MA graduates in the humanities: research, analysis, interpretation, translation and communication. This degree offers a challenging and focused academic experience for exceptional students (particularly those who enter the university with significant preparation in Japanese studies from high school or with other backgrounds, or those who participate in study abroad opportunities at CU) who demonstrate the ability to express their ideas clearly, both orally and in written form, using standard English.

**Admissions Requirements**

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Current CU Boulder Undergraduate Student
- Completion of all MAPS deficiencies
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for all courses taken at CU Boulder
- Transfer students must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at CU Boulder

Students must submit the following materials by September 1 of their junior year (or, in exceptional circumstances, during the student’s senior year) to the director of graduate studies in Chinese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising/graduate/).

- Intent application
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a full-time member of the Chinese faculty)

**Program Requirements**

Students are required to fulfill separately all requirements for the B.A. in Japanese and M.A. in Japanese, with the exception that 6 credits of coursework can satisfy requirements for both the B.A. and the M.A. Selection of the overlap courses should be made in consultation with the director of graduate studies in Japanese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/people/advising/graduate/).

Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor’s degree, and apply to continue with the master’s degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.

Specific information about the BAM requirements and curriculum (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/chinese/) can be found on the department website.