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; and
- appropriate research strategies for Japanese language, literature and culture.

In addition, 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; and
- 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; and
- understand and analyze the structure of the Japanese language and communication patterns in Japanese.

With a Japanese major, 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 and trading partners with the U.S. 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.

Concurrent Degree Programs

BA/MA in Japanese and Asian Languages and Civilizations

The concurrent BA/MA (Bachelor of Arts / Master of Arts) degree program 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. Highly motivated students who are accepted into the program begin graduate work no later than the senior year and earn both the BA and MA in five years. Students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA for all courses taken at CU Boulder and should have completed all MAPS and core requirements by the end of the sophomore year.

The application is open only to CU Boulder students. Students must submit the written application for admission (http://www.colorado.edu/graduateschool/academic-forms), along with a statement of purpose, a writing sample and three letters of recommendation, at least one from a full-time member of the Japanese faculty, by September 1 of their junior year (or, in exceptional circumstances, during a student’s senior year) to the director of graduate studies in Japanese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising). Applications will be reviewed by the graduate faculty of Japanese. Students interested in applying for this option must consult with the department’s undergraduate academic advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising) early in their career at CU to establish their program of study.

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

BA/MSIB in Japanese

The Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, in conjunction with the Business School at the University of Colorado Denver, offers a degree track in Japanese leading to accelerated admission to the CU Denver MSIB (Master of Science in International Business) program. Students complete the standard requirements for the Japanese major and the business minor in the Boulder Leeds School of Business. Business courses from the undergraduate degree count toward prerequisites for the MSIB program. For more information, see the CU Denver MSIB website (http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/business/degrees/ms/ib/Pages/International-Business.aspx).

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.

Required Courses and Semester Credit Hours

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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.

**JPNS 1012** Introduction to Japanese Civilization (Core: Human Diversity)

**JPNS 1051** Masterpieces of Japanese Literature in Translation (Core: Lit & Arts)

**JPNS 2441** Japanese Culture through Film and Anime

**JPNS 2811** Heroes and the Supernatural: Word and Image in Old Japan

**JPNS 3200** Adv Wrtg Topics on Chinese & Japanese Literature and Civilization (Core: Upper Division Written Communication)

**JPNS 3331** Business Japanese

**JPNS 3511** From Rebellion to Calamity: Contemp Japanese Lit in Transl

**JPNS 3811** Love, Death, and Desire: Classical Japanese Literature in Translation

**JPNS 3821** Monsters, Monks, and Mayhem: Medieval Japanese Literature in Translation

**JPNS 3831** The Floating World of Play and Passion: Early Modern Japanese Literature in Translation

**JPNS 3841** Tradition and Transgression: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation

**JPNS 3851** Studies in Japanese Popular Culture

**JPNS 3861** Imagining the Samurai in Japanese Literature and Culture

**JPNS 3871** Horror and the Macabre in Japanese Literature, Film, Culture

**JPNS 3881** Environment, Nature and Disaster in Japanese Literature and Culture

**JPNS 3891** Travel/Travel Writing in Japanese Literature and Culture

**JPNS 4030** Japanese Syntax

**JPNS 4050** Japanese Sociolinguistics: Japanese Language and Society

**JPNS 4070** Second Language Acquisition of Japanese

**JPNS 4080** Kanji in Japanese Orthography

**JPNS 4110** Advanced Readings in Modern Japanese 1

**JPNS 4120** Advanced Readings in Modern Japanese 2

**JPNS 4150** Japanese to English Translation: Theory and Practice

**JPNS 4210** Contemporary Japanese 1: Current Issues

**JPNS 4300** Open Topics: Readings in Japanese

**JPNS 4310** Classical Japanese 1

**JPNS 4320** Classical Japanese 2

**JPNS 4400** Critical Theory and Japanese Literature and Culture

**JPNS 4900** Independent Study

**JPNS 4950** Honors Thesis

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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.

**Graduating in Four Years with a BA in Japanese**

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).