

# Japanese Major Planning Worksheet

## Requirements:

- I. Core language courses:  
(see note 1)
- JPN 231 \_\_\_\_\_
- JPN 232 \_\_\_\_\_
- JPN 301 \_\_\_\_\_
- JPN 302 \_\_\_\_\_
- II. One language course above JPN 302:  
(see note 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Four courses, taught in English, focused on Japan/Japanese language and culture (see note 3)
- Transnational/regional/global/comparative \_\_\_\_\_
- Minimum one at 300 level \_\_\_\_\_
- Third course \_\_\_\_\_
- Fourth course \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommended:

FLAC course(s) (see note 4), study abroad, internships, or other immersion experiences in Japan.

## Notes:

**One:** If a student places (after the Japanese placement test and interview) in a Japanese language course above JPN 231 Intermediate Japanese I (e.g., JPN 232 Intermediate Japanese II or JPN 301 Third-Year Japanese I), the student will fulfill the total 9 credits requirement by taking additional upper-level language courses (above JPN 302) [see note 2 for listings] and/or courses in English that focus on Japan/Japanese language and culture [see note 3 for listings].

If a student begins language study in JPN 111 Beginning Japanese I or JPN 112 Beginning Japanese II, the student can fulfill the total 9 credits requirement by counting JPN 111 and/or JPN 112 toward the major and completing one or two fewer courses in English.

**Two:** The following courses currently fulfill this requirement: JPN 320 (Special Topics in Japanese) or an equivalent course taken during an approved study abroad language program in Japan.

**Three:** At least one course must examine transnationalism/regionalism/global perspectives or compare Japan/Japanese with other countries/cultures through specific disciplines (e.g. art, religion, literature, history, philosophy, economics, and political science) [see lists below]. At least one of these four courses must be 300-level, and no more than one at 100-level. One of these courses can be an Independent Study (Capstone project) or the Asian Studies senior seminars (ASIAN 397 and ASIAN 399). The Asian Conversation sequence (ASCON 210, 215/6, 220) will count for no more than two courses.

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Courses focused on Japan/Japanese include (based on Academic Year 2020-21 catalog):

- ASIAN 126: Language in Japanese Society
- ASIAN 230: Philosophy of Anime
- ASIAN235: Modern Japanese Literature
- HIST 252: Japanese Civilization
- HIST 253: Modern Japan
- ART 260: Arts of Japan
- AS/ES 277: Environmental Sustainability in Japan [abroad]

Courses focused on Japan/Japanese with cross-cultural/regional/global comparative perspectives include (based on Academic Year 2020-21 catalog)

- PHIL 117: Confucius, Buddha and Socrates
- ASIAN 121: Asian Cultures in Comparative Perspectives
- ASIAN 123: Asia in America
- PHIL 127: Zen and the Art of Judo
- ASIAN 200: Topics in Asian Studies
- ASCON 210: Asian Conversations I - Mapping Journeys
- ASCON 215: Asian Conversations II - Encountering Asia
- ASCON 216: Asian Conversations II - Encountering Asia in America
- ASCON 220: Asian Conversations III - Interpreting Journeys
- HIST 240: Major Seminar: Histories of Africa, Asia and Latin America
- PSCI 245: Asian Regionalism
- PHIL 249: Asian Philosophy
- AS/PS 255: Politics in Asia
- AS/RE 256: Religions of China and Japan
- AS/RE 257: Buddhism
- ASIAN 268: The Art of Calligraphy - Techniques and Appreciation
- ASIAN 282: Second Language Learning in an Asian Context
- AS/RE 289: Buddhism, Peace and Justice
- ASIAN 300: Topics in Asian Studies
- ASIAN 310: Buddhism through Text and Image
- ASIAN 333: What is a Hero?
- HIST 345: East Asia Seminar
- ASIAN 397: Seminar- Human Rights/Asian Context
- ASIAN 399: Seminar for Asian Studies Majors

**Four:** To be eligible to participate in FLAC courses, students should have proficiency equivalent to at least the third semester of Japanese. Students are awarded certification of applied foreign language competence (AFLC) on their transcripts after successful completion of two FLAC courses. FLAC courses carry .25 credits each and are designed to be taken concurrently with select courses. Students should consult the roster of FLAC options available each semester in the class and lab schedule.