JAPN - JAPANESE

JAPN101 Elementary Japanese I (6 Credits)
Introduction to basic patterns of contemporary spoken Japanese and to the two phonetic syllabaries (Katakana and Hiragana).
Prerequisite: Must have appropriate Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT) score.

JAPN102 Elementary Japanese II (6 Credits)
Continued introduction to the basic spoken patterns of contemporary Japanese.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN101; or appropriate Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT) score.

JAPN201 Intermediate Japanese I (6 Credits)
Contemporary spoken and written Japanese.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN102; or appropriate Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT) score.

JAPN202 Intermediate Japanese II (6 Credits)
Contemporary spoken and written Japanese.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN201; or appropriate Foreign Language Placement Test (FLPT) score.

JAPN221 Radical Transformations in Japanese Culture (3 Credits)
Since the early modern period, Japanese cultural forms have reflected the innate instability of contemporary social structures. Focusing on Noh drama, Matsuo Basho’s haiku travelogue Oku no hosomichi, popular fiction by Ihara Saikaku, the movement for vernacular literature in the late 19th century, the rise and fall of Marxists and feminists in early 20th century Japan, a variety of perspectives on WWII and its legacy, as well as Japanese pop culture, we will consider the way cultural works developed as part of Japan’s radical transformations in the last four centuries. A major film component increases students’ direct exposure to the work of Japan’s cultural producers, and students’ suggestions and interests will help shape the final unit of the course about Japan today. Taught in English, and all readings are in English translation.

JAPN269 Special Topics in Study Abroad II (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

JAPN298 Special Topics Japanese Literature (3 Credits)
Special topics in Japanese literature.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

JAPN301 Advanced Japanese I (6 Credits)
Advanced conversation, oral comprehension, and selected readings.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN202; or permission of instructor.

JAPN302 Advanced Japanese II (6 Credits)
Continued readings in varied modern texts and advanced conversation and oral comprehension.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN301; or permission of instructor.

JAPN307 Kanji and Composition (3 Credits)
Study of Kanji in context; intensive writing practice.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN301.
Restriction: Must not be a fluent/native writer of Kanji; and permission of instructor.

JAPN314 Edo Text and Context: Origins of Japanese Popular Culture (3 Credits)
Intensive reading of various genres of literary and historical texts from the early modern (Edo/Tokugawa) period, read in English translation. Taught in English.

JAPN315 Reading Japanese Empire (3 Credits)
Reading a wide variety of cultural, intellectual, and official texts, this course explores how Japan’s age of empire (1869-1945) was understood, imagined, and lived in various colonial contexts and in the metropolitan center. Students will gain a textured understanding of the complexities and contradictions of Japan’s imperial project and the fraught ways this history plays out today in Japan and Asia. Taught in English.

JAPN316 Women and Japanese Literature: Japanese Literature in Translation (3 Credits)
Close critical reading of a range of Japanese literary texts that deal in some significant manner with gender, sex and sexuality. Taught in English.
Credit Only Granted for: JAPN316 or JAPN418W.
Formerly: JAPN418W.

JAPN325 Modern Japanese Literature and Film (In Translation) (3 Credits)
Explores and questions the significance of some of modern Japan’s most dynamic historical transformations, pressing social issues, and modes of cultural expression. Covers the Meiji period (1868-1912) to the 21st century.

JAPN369 Special Topics in Study Abroad (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

JAPN386 Experiential Learning (3-6 Credits)

JAPN388 Language House Spring Colloquium (1 Credit)
For students residing in the Language House Immersion Program. Focuses on the development of skills in the target language and acquiring the cultural knowledge of the countries that speak the target language.
Restriction: Must be a resident of Language House.
Repeatable to: 8 credits.

JAPN401 Readings in Modern Japanese Literature (3 Credits)
Development of advanced reading, vocabulary, grammar, and translation skills through selected readings in Japanese drawn primarily from modern literature.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN302; or permission of instructor.

JAPN402 Readings in Japanese Cultural Studies (3 Credits)
Development of advanced reading, vocabulary, grammar, and translation skills through selected readings in Japanese drawn from the fields of history, social sciences, cultural studies, film studies, and popular culture.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN302; or permission of instructor.

JAPN405 Readings in Advanced Modern Japanese (3 Credits)
Designed to further improve reading and translation skills; the course will include readings from newspaper articles, literary works, and academic publications in the social sciences and humanities. Listening exercises are included.
Prerequisite: JAPN402; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.
JAPN407 The Art of Translation (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN401; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.

JAPN408 Special Topics in Japanese (3 Credits)
Topic in the Study of Japanese, to be announced each time course is offered. Taught in Japanese.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in JAPN302; or permission of instructor.

JAPN412 Classical Japanese (3 Credits)
Continuation of JAPN 411 with more advanced classical Japanese.
Prerequisite: JAPN411.

JAPN414 Masterpieces of Classical Japanese Literature in Translation (3 Credits)
Major classics, with focus on philosophical, historical and cultural backgrounds. Taught in English.

JAPN415 Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation (3 Credits)
Major themes and literary developments in fiction from the late 19th century to the present. Emphasis on the works of Kawabata, Tanizaki, Mishima, and Abe.

JAPN418 Japanese Literature in Translation (3 Credits)
Representative works of Japanese literature in translation.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

JAPN421 History of the Japanese Language (3 Credits)
Investigation of the origin of the Japanese language, its relationship with other languages, and its development. Taught in English, but presumes knowledge of Kanji (Chinese characters).
Prerequisite: JAPN201; or permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.

JAPN422 Introductory Japanese Linguistics (3 Credits)
An investigation of Japanese sound patterns and syntax through a comparison with English.

JAPN424 Japan From the Margins (3 Credits)
Japan from the Margins takes as its focus the history and representations of various others in Japanese society. They include ethnic Ainu, Okinawans, and Koreans, a historical outcaste group called the Burakumin, and people marginalized for their non-normative gender and sexual practices. Students learn about the historical specificities of each group as well as their common experiences of institutional discrimination as they grapple with larger questions regarding prejudice, nationalism, and social justice. Taught in English.
Credit Only Granted for: JAPN498B or JAPN424.
Formerly: JAPN498B.

JAPN425 The Atomic Bomb in Literature and Memory (3 Credits)
Study of declassified documents and commentary on the United States decision to use the bomb in 1945, the many ways Japanese writers have attempted to express their indescribable experiences in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the shaping of historical narratives and national identities in post-war Japan and the U.S. Taught in English.
Credit Only Granted for: JAPN498A or JAPN425.
Formerly: JAPN498A.

JAPN428 Seminar in Japanese Discourse and Conversation Analysis (3 Credits)
Presentation and discussion of classic and current readings in English and Japanese on theories and actual practice of discourse and conversation analysis. Students will learn transcription techniques and have an opportunity to apply them in a final term paper.
Prerequisite: JAPN302.
Recommended: JAPN422.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

JAPN438 Topics in Japanese Pragmatics (3 Credits)
Basic concepts in the field of pragmatics (the study of language in context) such as deixis and indexicality, speech acts, ellipsis, and politeness. Readings in English on English and Japanese examples.
Prerequisite: JAPN201.
Recommended: JAPN422.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs. Also offered as: JAPN638.

JAPN498 Special Topics in Japanese Studies (3 Credits)
Special topics in Japanese studies. Taught in English.

JAPN499 Directed Study in Japanese (1-3 Credits)