

JAPANESE (JPN)

JPN 101. Elementary Japanese I. 3 Credit Hours.

Basic introduction to conversation, grammar, reading, elementary composition for students with no background in Japanese. The course is designed to develop basic skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing of the modern Japanese language. Hiragana, Katakana (Japanese syllabary), and 48 Kanji (Chinese characters formulated as a Japanese writing system) will be introduced in the course. Closed to native speakers.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JPN 102. Elementary Japanese II. 3 Credit Hours.

Continuation of JPN 101. Further development, language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing of the modern Japanese language. Japanese culture and customs will be taught by way of media and/or other resources. Closed to native speakers.

Prerequisite: JPN 101.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JPN 195. Transfer Credit. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Awarded for 100-level course work at another institution for which UM has no direct equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: CNC.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 201. Intermediate Japanese I. 3 Credit Hours.

Further expansion of language skills (grammar, composition and reading) while introducing students to aspects of Japanese customs, history and culture. Closed to native speakers.

Prerequisite: JPN 102.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JPN 202. Intermediate Japanese II. 3 Credit Hours.

Continuation of JPN 201. Further development of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in Japanese, including honorific and respectful expressions. Closed to native speakers.

Prerequisite: JPN 201.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JPN 203. Advanced Japanese I. 3 Credit Hours.

Continuation of JPN 202. Develops students' ability to use Japanese in a more advanced way. The course emphasizes accurate comprehension, expansion of vocabulary, and development of the ability to use increasingly complex grammatical and sentence structures. In addition to improving their language abilities, students will also be exposed to different areas of Japanese culture.

Prerequisite: JPN 202.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

JPN 204. Advanced Japanese II. 3 Credit Hours.

Develops students' ability to use Japanese in a more advanced way by continuing Japanese 203's emphasis on accurate comprehension, expansion of vocabulary, and development of the ability to use increasingly complex grammatical and sentence structures. Students will also be exposed to and analyze different areas of Japanese culture.

Prerequisite: JPN 203.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

JPN 210. Introduction to Japanese Culture. 3 Credit Hours.

The major aesthetic, social and political factors that have shaped contemporary and traditional Japanese culture and society. The historical evolution of Japanese culture will be approached through film, literature and art. Students will revisit related historical sites to enhance awareness and understanding of the topics. The course will be taught primarily in English, with some Japanese terminology. Offered only in the summer abroad program in Japan. No language requirement.

Prerequisite: JPN 102.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

JPN 295. Transfer Credit. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Awarded for 200-level course work at another institution for which UM has no direct equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: CNC.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 394. Internship. 3 Credit Hours.

The internship is an opportunity to apply analytical, interpretative, and creative skills developed in coursework. Internships ordinarily take place outside the University and they involve UM–faculty supervision, as well as supervised on-site experience in a Japanese-speaking cultural, business, or not-for-profit organization. Students need to fill out the Internship Application Form. Normally 27 internship hours are required per credit earned. A maximum of three semester hours of internship credit may be counted toward the student's degree program. Permission of MLL faculty member is required (the host will apply documentary evidence of the hours worked).

Prerequisite: JPN 204.

Components: PRA.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 395. Transfer Credit. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Awarded for 300-level course work at another institution for which UM has no direct equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: CNC.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 432. Business Japanese. 3 Credit Hours.

Designed for students who have completed JPN 202 or two years of Japanese at the college level and are interested in acquiring practical knowledge and communication skills required to deal with real-life business situations. The focus of the course is oral/aural communication skills. In addition, students will read authentic essays and newspaper articles and will also compose a variety of documents that play an important role in running a business.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

JPN 447. Advance Conversation Through Japanese Theatrical Texts. 3 Credit Hours.

Students will develop conversational skills and acquire a better understanding of sociocultural dynamics by practicing Japanese performing arts, such as Rakugo (comic story telling), Manzai (standup comedy), voice-acting for animation of folk stories, and scenes from contemporary Japanese theater. Students will also develop independent study skills and communication skills in different social settings.

Prerequisite: JPN 203.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring.

JPN 495. Transfer Credit. 1-3 Credit Hours.

Awarded for 400-level course work at another institution for which UM has no direct equivalent.

Components: LEC.

Grading: CNC.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 641. Elementary JPN I for Graduate Students. 0 Credit Hours.

Designed to develop graduate students' communicative abilities in speaking, reading, writing and comprehending Japanese at the elementary level and to provide an introduction to Japanese Studies.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 642. Elementary JPN II for Graduate Students. 0 Credit Hours.

Continuation of JPN 641. Designed to develop graduate students' communicative abilities in speaking, reading, writing, and comprehending Japanese, and continued engagement with the Japanese-speaking world.

Prerequisite: JPN 641.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 651. Intermediate JPN I for Graduate Research. 0 Credit Hours.

For graduate students with previous study of elementary-level Japanese. Designed to develop graduate students' communication skills in both written and spoken Japanese at the intermediate level. Intended primarily for students who will carry out research in the Japanese-speaking world.

Prerequisite: JPN 642.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 652. Intermediate JPN II for Graduate Research. 0 Credit Hours.

For graduate students with previous study of Japanese at the intermediate level. Designed to enhance graduate students' communication skills in both written and spoken Japanese at the high-intermediate level. Intended primarily for students who will carry out research in the Japanese-speaking world.

Prerequisite: JPN 651.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 653. Advanced JPN I for Graduate Research. 0 Credit Hours.

For graduate students with previous study of Japanese at the high-intermediate level. Designed to enhance graduate students' communication skills in both written and spoken Japanese at the advanced-low level. Intended primarily for students who will carry out research in the Japanese-speaking world.

Prerequisite: JPN 652.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

JPN 654. Advanced JPN II for Graduate Research. 1 Credit Hour.

For graduate students with previous study of advanced-low level Japanese. Designed to enhance graduate students' communication skills in the Japanese language at the advanced-intermediate level. Intended principally for students who will carry out research in areas related to Japanese Studies.

Prerequisite: JPN 653.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.