Japanese

Courses

JAPAN 1001 Japanese I: 5 semester hours
Emphasis is placed upon the understanding, speaking, and writing of Japanese and upon the acquisition of the fundamentals of grammar and syntax.

JAPAN 1002 Japanese II: 5 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 1001 or equivalent. Emphasis is placed upon the understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of Japanese. Continuation of the acquisition of the fundamentals of grammar and syntax.

JAPAN 1005 Practicum in East Asian Calligraphy: 1 semester hour
This course is an introduction to the art of calligraphy in East Asia. Emphasis is placed on writing kana (Japanese syllabaries) and kanji (Chinese characters) correctly with a calligraphy brush and ink. Students practice writing basic strokes and characters and create their own calligraphic works.

JAPAN 1011 Anime Nation: Popular Culture in Japan: 3 semester hours
A look at postmodern samurai, preteen ninjas, praying at shrines and other elements of J-pop culture. This online course uses various clips and full-length animated features to introduce and explore topics such as family life, school life, shared values, contemporary social issues, fashion, and metaphysics. Critical texts, essays, and narrated presentations provide background for analysis and appreciation.

JAPAN 2101 Intermediate Japanese I: 5 semester hours
Prerequisite: JAPAN 1002 or equivalent. Students will advance their understanding of Japanese culture through discussions, readings, and written work. Language skills will be further developed through meaningful communicative interaction. This course fulfills the Humanities requirement.

JAPAN 2102 Intermediate Japanese II: 5 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2101 or equivalent. Continuation of JAPAN 2101.

JAPAN 2111 The World of Anime - Advanced Topics in Japanese Animation: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 1011 or consent of instructor. Students will explore and analyze anime and manga from sociological, literary, and anthropological perspectives, attempting to foster deeper understanding of contemporary Japan and the historical context from which the selected works emerged.

JAPAN 2150 Classical Japanese Literature in Translation: 3 semester hours
An exploration of Classical Japanese literary masterpieces and the world from which they arose. All required readings will be in English translation. This course may be repeated for credit with different literary works as a topic.

JAPAN 2170 Kanji: A Radical Approach: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2101 or equivalent. This course will systematically introduce the most common radicals and other key components of kanji (Chinese characters). Students will learn how to use radicals to interpret unfamiliar kanji, categorize them, and more efficiently commit them to memory. The principles learned in this course can be used to facilitate students' individual kanji-learning goals, which may include mastery of the 2136 joyo kanji.

JAPAN 2190 Special Readings: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2101 or consent of the department. This course is an independent study for Japanese through readings, reports, and conferences.

JAPAN 2191 Special Topics in Japanese Culture: 3 semester hours
A topically organized introduction to Japanese culture and society. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

JAPAN 3201 Intermediate Japanese III: 4 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2102 or equivalent. In this course, students will continue to advance their understanding of Japanese culture through discussions, readings, and written work. Language skills will be further developed through meaningful communicative interaction. This course satisfies the University Cultural Diversity requirement.

JAPAN 3202 Intermediate Japanese IV: 4 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 3201 or equivalent. In this course, students will continue to advance their understanding of Japanese culture through discussions, readings and written work. Language skills developed in JAPAN 3201 will be further developed in this course through meaningful communicative interaction.

JAPAN 3211 Topics in Japanese Culture: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2102, or concurrent enrollment in JAPAN 3201. This course advances communication and presentation skills through discussions of significant topics in Japanese culture. It is conducted in Japanese. This course may be repeated for credit if the topics vary up to three times.

JAPAN 3280 Readings in Japanese: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 3201 or concurrent enrollment in JAPAN 3202. This course develops language skills through reading and discussion of a variety of literary and non-literary texts in Japanese.

JAPAN 3290 Special Readings: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 2190 or consent of instructor. Independent study through readings, reports and conferences.

JAPAN 4301 Advanced Japanese I: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: JAPAN 3202 or equivalent. This course develops students' existing linguistic knowledge and communicative skills in both spoken and written Japanese. Students will use authentic materials such as newspaper articles, essays, short stories, television programs, and films as the basis for discussion. This course may be repeated for credit a limited number of times if the topics vary.

JAPAN 4302 Advanced Japanese II: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: JAPAN 4301 or equivalent. Building on JAPAN 4301, this course continues to develop students' linguistic knowledge and communicative skills in both spoken and written Japanese. Students will use authentic materials such as newspaper articles, editorials, essays, short stories, television programs and films for the basis of discussion. This course may be repeated for credit a limited number of times if the topics vary.

JAPAN 4380 Advanced Readings in Japanese: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 4301 or concurrent enrollment in JAPAN 4302. This course continues the development of advanced language skills through reading and discussion of a variety of literary and non-literary texts in Japanese.

JAPAN 4390 Special Readings: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: JAPAN 3290 or consent of instructor. Independent study through readings, reports and conferences.

JAPAN 4394 Advanced Internship in Japanese: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FGN LANG 2100, completion of at least two 3000-level classes in Japanese, and consent of the Internship Coordinator in Japanese. This internship course gives students of Japanese the opportunity to use their unique and advanced language skills at an appropriate agency, organization, or business in the St. Louis region and beyond. This course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credit hours.