JPN

Japanese Language

JPN 111 Elementary Japanese I
An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with equal attention to speaking, reading, and writing. Linguistic analysis of the characters provides cultural and historical background of the language. This course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of the language. A student who has had two or more years of Japanese in high school (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take JPN 111 without written permission from the supervisor of the course.

3 credits

JPN 112 Elementary Japanese II
An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with equal attention to speaking, reading, and writing. Linguistic analysis of the characters provides cultural and historical background of the language. This course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of the language. A student who has had two or more years of Japanese in high school (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take JPN 112 without written permission from the supervisor of the course.

3 credits

JPN 211 Intermediate Japanese I
An intermediate course in Japanese language to develop audiolingual skills and reading and writing ability. Selected literary texts serve as the basis for practice in reading comprehension and composition. A student who has had three or more years of Japanese in high school (or has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not enroll in JPN 211 without written permission from the supervisor of the course.

3 credits

JPN 212 Intermediate Japanese II
An intermediate course in Japanese language to develop audiolingual skills and reading and writing ability. Selected literary texts serve as the basis for practice in reading comprehension and composition. A student who has had three or more years of Japanese in high school (or has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not enroll in JPN 212 without written permission from the supervisor of the course.

3 credits

JPN 311 Advanced Japanese I
An advanced course designed to strengthen students’ ability to understand and speak the Japanese language. Students are required to prepare selected texts and to read and translate them in class. They also write essays based on the texts as well as on Japanese videos.

3 credits

JPN 312 Advanced Japanese II
An advanced course designed to strengthen students’ ability to understand and speak the Japanese language. Students are required to prepare selected texts and to read and translate them in class. They also write essays based on the texts as well as on Japanese videos.

3 credits

JPN 331-F Social Sciences Topics in Japanese Studies
An investigation of a specific area of Japanese studies in the social and behavioral sciences. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes. Previously offered as JNS 331.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisites: Two courses in Asian studies
3 credits

JPN 332-G Humanities Topics in Japanese Studies
An investigation of a specific area of Japanese studies in the humanities. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes. Previously offered as JNH 331.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisites: Two courses in Asian studies
3 credits

JPN 410 Business Japanese
A course designed for students who wish to expand their Japanese communication skills in a business context and understand socio-economic situations as well as socio-cultural values in Japan. Upon completing this course, students will be able to hold conversations with correct business vocabulary and with culturally appropriate manners, read authentic materials related to business and economics in Japan, and write business correspondence in proper styles and formats.
Prerequisite: JPN 312 or equivalent
3 credits

JPN 411 Advanced Japanese III
An advanced course designed for the fourth-year students of Japanese to strengthen their ability to understand, speak, read, and write Japanese. Students will read a variety of Japanese texts including newspaper/magazine articles, biographies, and literary works and write creatively and/or professionally using sophisticated vocabulary and advanced kanji characters. Students will also be trained to comprehend authentic spoken Japanese, using a variety of audio-visual materials and to communicate in Japanese, applying appropriate socio-cultural norms. Not intended for international students from Japan who are part of a two-plus-two or exchange program.
Prerequisite: JPN 312 or placement test
3 credits

JPN 412 Advanced Japanese IV
An advanced course designed for the fourth-year students of Japanese to strengthen their ability to understand, speak, read, and write Japanese. Students will read a variety of Japanese texts including newspaper/magazine articles, biographies, and literary works and write creatively and/or professionally using sophisticated vocabulary and advanced kanji characters. Students will also be trained to comprehend authentic spoken Japanese, using a variety of audio-visual materials and to communicate in Japanese, applying appropriate socio-cultural norms. Not intended for international students from Japan who are part of a two-plus-two or exchange program.
Prerequisite: JPN 411 or placement test
3 credits

JPN 447 Independent Study
Directed reading and research in Japanese studies. Limited to Japanese studies minors or upper-division students working on advanced problems in Japanese studies. May be repeated. Previously offered as JNH and JNS 447.
Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; permission of instructor
1-6 credits