

JAPANESE - MINOR

College of Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The Japanese minor provides a solid grounding in the Japanese language through challenging coursework in the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. The curriculum allows students to explore different aspects of traditional and contemporary culture and society in Japan.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Prerequisite Requirements ¹ | | |
| JAPN 15101 | ELEMENTARY JAPANESE I | |
| JAPN 15102 | ELEMENTARY JAPANESE II | |
| Minor Requirements | | |
| JAPN 25201 | INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I ¹ | 3 |
| JAPN 25202 | INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE II ¹ | 3 |
| JAPN 35010 | INTERMEDIATE READING | 3 |
| JAPN 35101 | INTENSIVE JAPANESE GRAMMAR | 3 |
| Japanese (JAPN) Electives (20000, 30000 or 40000 level) | | 6 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 18 |

¹ Students with prior knowledge of Japanese may be able to fulfill one or more of the prerequisite and intermediate language courses through an Alternative Credit option. Students may also fulfill one or more of the prerequisite and intermediate language courses by starting in a higher level course than JAPN 15101 and applying for a proficiency waiver as outlined in the Foreign Language Placement policy.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Minor GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2.000 | 2.000 |

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Note

- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Students should see the program coordinator or academic advisor for course planning.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Speak in Japanese using appropriate styles of speech and manners on topics ranging from personal to cultural and social issues.
2. Write in Japanese using appropriate linguistic styles on various topics.
3. Read and comprehend various types of writing in Japanese such as newspaper articles, short stories and web content with the help of dictionaries and other resources.
4. Distinguish formal, informal and honorific expressions; and successfully code-switch, according to appropriate social contexts.
5. Discuss Japanese cultural traditions and contemporary aesthetics.