Japanese Section Activities

Japan Outreach
The Japanese program at the University of Memphis offers various outreach activities for the Memphis community. We work closely with local NPO’s such as the Memphis Botanic Garden and with funding support from Japanese companies and government agencies, we introduce Japanese culture to facilitate the community’s understanding of Japan and our multicultural society. The program’s Japanese students volunteer for various outreach events, which give them an excellent opportunity to use what they learned in class for community service. For more information, please contact the program coordinator Ms. Akemi Sommer at asomer@memphis.edu

Weekly Japanese Language Table
The Japanese Language Table is an informal gathering where all students are invited to practice their Japanese every week and become friends with exchange students from Japan. Please contact Dr. Matsuda for this semester’s schedule.

Anime 101: Japanese Animation Club
The Japanese Animation Club is an official student organization at the university. They meet every week and watch various animations, and provide outreach services to the community to promote understanding of Japan. To join the club, please send a message to: mrddcrsn@memphis.edu

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Studying Abroad in Japan

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Exchange Partners:
Chou Gakuin University
Nagoya Gakuin University
Osaka University of Ecouomics
Meiji University
J.F. Oberlin University

Summer Intensive Japanese at Oberlin, Tokyo;

UM Summer Program in Osaka

ISEP : Chukyo University; Kansai Gaidai University; Nanzan University; Ritsumeikan
Asia Pacific University; Ritsumeikan University; Toyo University

CCIS : KCP International Language Institute

For more information about Japanese at The University of Memphis, please contact Dr. Yuki Matsuda, (901) 678-3163, ymatsuda@memphis.edu, or visit [www.memphis.edu/fl/japanese/](http://www.memphis.edu/fl/japanese/) or [www.facebook.com/japanese.memphis](http://www.facebook.com/japanese.memphis)

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Japanese Major and Minor

**THE MAJOR**

Students majoring in Foreign Languages may choose Japanese as a single-language concentration or as part of a two or three-language concentration. A single-language concentration required 24 upper-division hours in Japanese. A two-language concentration requires 27 upper-division hours in the department, with at least nine credit hours in each language. A three-language concentration requires at least 33 upper-division hours, with coursework chosen in consultation with the chair of the department.

**THE MINOR**

Students must take eighteen hours (JAPN 1020, JAPN 2010, JAPN 2020) and nine upper-division JAPN hours).

**COURSES OFFERED:**

**JAPN 1010 Elementary Japanese I** (3): Basic skills fundamental to language proficiency and culture.
**JAPN 1020 Elementary Japanese II** (3): Further development of basic skills fundamental to language proficiency and culture. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 1010, or equivalent.
**JAPN 2010 Intermediate Japanese I** (3): Continued development of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 1020, or equivalent.
**JAPN 3301 Conversation! Composition I** (3): PREREQUISITE: JAPN 2020, or equivalent.
**JAPN 3302 Conversation and Composition II** (3): PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3301, or equivalent.
**JAPN 3401 Introduction to Japanese Literature** (3): Japanese literature and culture through a selection of important literary works written since 1900. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 2020, or equivalent.
**JAPN 3402 Directed Readings in Japanese Culture** (3): Continued development of cultural competencies and language skills through a wide range of primary reading materials such as newspaper articles, comic books, biographies, and essays.

**JAPN 3900 Japanese Culture and Society** (3): Intensive language and culture course; travel to Japanese speaking country required. PREREQUISITE: permission of study abroad director.

**JAPN 4401 Advanced Japanese I** (3): Advanced development of language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and cultural knowledge. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3302 or permission of instructor.

**JAPN 4402 Advanced Japanese II** (3): Continuation of JAPN 4401. Further development of advanced language and cultural skills. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 4401 or permission of instructor.

**JAPN 4501 Japanese Linguistics** (3): Theory and hands-on data analysis in various aspects of Japanese linguistics, including the writing system, media discourse, and pragmatics. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3301, 3302, or permission of instructor.

**JAPN 4701/4702 Japanese for Professional Purposes** (3): Focusing on the acquisition of communication skills and socio-cultural knowledge that are necessary to handle formal and professional situations in a Japanese speaking environment. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3302, or permission of instructor.

**JAPN 4780 Individual Studies in Japanese** (3): Directed individual study in selected area of Japanese chosen in consultation with instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit. PREREQUISITE: permission of instructor.