

Japanese Section Activities

Community Outreach / Experiential Learning

The Japanese program at the University of Memphis offers various internship programs, outreach activities, and experiential learning opportunities for students and the Memphis community. We work closely with K12 schools and local NPOs such as the Memphis Botanic Garden. 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 and internship programs, which give them an excellent opportunity to apply what they learned in class in real contexts.

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. Nishi** at hnishi1@memphis.edu for the schedule.

SOTJP: Students of the Japanese Program

SOTJP is a student run organization whose goal is to further collaboration between Japanese learners at the U of M, as well as help those same learners find different ways to improve their Japanese language skills. SOTJP runs a book club as well as plans community outreach events. The club also hosts social events, such as game and karaoke nights.

For more information, please contact at sotjpuofm@memphis.edu.

Japanese Language Faculty

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Why Learn Japanese?

Studying Japanese brings career opportunities for international business, translation, and education. Indeed, tremendous opportunities exist for someone fluent in Japanese in Tennessee. There are 180 Japanese-owned companies in Tennessee, employing more than 40,000 Tennesseans. Also, both traditional and popular cultures have become part of international culture. Studying Japanese will give you access to Japanese culture, fine and performing art, and modern technology.

As the only institution in the Greater Memphis area to offer both a Japanese major and Tennessee teaching licensure in Japanese at the graduate level, some of the program graduates are teaching at regional K12 schools. At the same time, many graduates also teach English in Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, and work for Japanese media, trade, and manufacturing companies.

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Studying Abroad in Japan

The University of Memphis study abroad programs are designed to provide students with the opportunity to combine a rigorous academic program with a cross-cultural learning experience that is not available in the United States. We offer semester, academic year, and summer programs to meet the diverse needs of the U of M student population.

Exchange Partners:

Chuo Gakuin University (Chiba)
Nagoya Gakuin University (Nagoya)
Meiji University (Tokyo)
J.F. Oberlin University (Tokyo)
Seikei University (Tokyo)

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

CCIS: KCP International Language Institute

For more information, please contact **Dr. Matsuda**,
the coordinator of the Japanese program
(ymatsuda@memphis.edu), or visit
www.memphis.edu/wll/japanese/.

Japanese Major and Minor

THE MAJOR: Students majoring in World Languages may choose Japanese as a single-language concentration or as part of a two- or three-language concentration. A single-language concentration requires 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, including JAPN 1020, 2010, and 2020, plus 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 2020 Intermediate Japanese II (3): Expansion of Japanese skills with more extensive listening comprehension practice and readings. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 2010, or equivalent.

JAPN3301 Conversation and Composition I (3):
PREREQUISITE: JAPN 2020, or equivalent.

JAPN 3302 Conversation and Composition II (3):
PREREQUISITE: JAPN3301, or equivalent.

JAPN 3401 Introduction to Japanese Literature (3):
Japanese literature and culture through a selection of important literary works written since 1900.
PRE- or CO-REQUISITE: JAPN3301, 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 3500 Japanese Writing System (3): Characteristics of the Japanese writing system and their communicative functions in contemporary Japanese.
PREREQUISITE: JAPN2020 or equivalent.

JAPN 3900 Japanese Culture and Society (3): Intensive language and culture course; travel to Japanese speaking country required.

JAPN 4401 Advanced Japanese I (3): Advanced development of language skills and cultural knowledge.
PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3302 or permission.

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

JAPN 4501 Japanese Linguistics (3): Theory and hands-on data analysis in various aspects of Japanese linguistics. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 3301 or equivalent.

JAPN 4601/4602 Multimedia Translation I, II (3) Train advanced students who want to gain multimedia translation experience through hands-on activities.

JAPN 4701/4702 Japanese for Professional Purposes I, II (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.

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.

JAPN 4791-99 Special Topics in Japanese Language, Culture, or Literature (3): May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit. PREREQUISITE: permission of instructor. Cross-listing 7000 level.

LALI 4500 Japanese Culture and Society (3): This course introduces Japanese culture through hands-on activities along with reading and creating media resources on traditional, popular, and business culture of Japan. Japanese language skills are not required.