

Japanese Section Activities

Japan-America Society of Tennessee (JAST West Center)

The University of Memphis hosts an outreach center, JAST West, on campus. JAST West at UM works closely with the Memphis Botanic Garden to provide various seminars, events, and courses on Japanese culture. For more information, please contact the program manager, Ms. Akemi Sommer at asommer@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 Prof. Tokuda 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:

anime101memphis@gmail.com

Japanese Culture Club (JCC)

The Japanese Culture Club is an official student organization at the university which provides many opportunities for the students to deepen their understanding toward Japanese language and culture. To join the club, please send a message to: memphisjcc@gmail.com

Fans United

Fans United is an official student organization at the university. They plan a variety of activities to express themselves creatively and embrace their love for anime, manga, cosplay, video games, etc. To join the club, please sign up on their website: universityofmemphis.wix.com/fansunited

Japanese Language Faculty

YUKI MATSUDA, Associate Professor of Japanese, Japanese Program Coordinator. Regional Director of the JAST West Center. Ph.D., 1997, University of Southern California. Areas of Interest: Japanese Language and Linguistics, Language pedagogy, and Media discourse

JUNKO TOKUDA, Instructor of Japanese. Ed.D., 2014, University of Memphis. Area of interest: Japanese Language Pedagogy, Educational technology

Kaori FUJII, Adjunct Instructor
Naoki IWAMOTO, Adjunct Instructor
Chikako KAMIMURA, Adjunct Instructor; Japanese calligraphy instructor
Miho PONNATH, Japanese traditional dance
Akemi SOMMER, Adjunct Instructor, program manager of the JAST West Center
Yukiko TERADA, Adjunct Instructor
Shinobu WATANABE, Adjunct Instructor

Why Learn Japanese?

Studying Japanese brings career opportunities for international business. Indeed there is tremendous opportunity for someone who is fluent in Japanese in the State of Tennessee. There are 151 Japanese-owned companies in Tennessee, employing more than 38,000 Tennesseans, and account for cumulative capital investments of more than \$9 billion. Also, both traditional and pop culture have become part of international culture. Studying Japanese will give you direct access to Japanese traditional art forms such as tea ceremony, calligraphy, Zen garden, architecture, film, fashion, cuisine, animations, and literature.

The University of Memphis is the only institution in the mid-south region to offer the Japanese major.

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Exchange Partners:

Chou Gakuin University

Nagoya Gakuin University

Osaka University of Economics

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/ www.facebook.com/japanese.memphis

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 2020 Intermediate Japanese II (3): Expansion of Japanese skills with more extensive listening comprehension practice and readings. PREREQUISITE: JAPN 2010, 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 3301, or equivalent.

JAPN 3402 Directed Readings in Japanese Culture (3): Continued development of cultural competencies and language skills for professional purposes 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 syntax, semantics, 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.