

JAPANESE STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: JPNS

Academic Advising

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Website: mcl.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-mcl-jpns/requirements

The minor enables students to advance their Japanese language skills and develop a sound understanding of Japanese culture and history from a global perspective.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. Special topics courses, when relevant, may be applied to the minor with prior written approval of the director. Students who wish to declare this minor need to obtain the signature of the director.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students must select an emphasis in either the study of Japanese language or the history and culture of Japan.

Language Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Japanese Language		
Select four courses from the following:		12
JAPA 330	Advanced Reading and Speaking I	
JAPA 331	Advanced Reading and Speaking II	
JAPA 350	Readings in Japanese Culture	
JAPA 440	Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society I	
JAPA 441	Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society II	
Japanese and Japan-Related History		
Select one course from the following:		3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	

ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	
Elective		
Select one course from the following:		3
JAPA 240	Introduction to Japanese Culture	
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	
JAPA 320	Japanese Cinema	
JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)	
JAPA 350	Readings in Japanese Culture (if not used to fulfill the Japanese language requirement)	
JAPA 360	Topics in Japanese Popular Culture	
JAPA 370	Video Games and Japan	
JAPA 420	Animals and Nature in Japan	
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core)	
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		18

History and Culture Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
Japanese Language		
Select two courses from the following:		6
JAPA 330	Advanced Reading and Speaking I	
JAPA 331	Advanced Reading and Speaking II	
JAPA 350	Readings in Japanese Culture	
JAPA 440	Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society I	
JAPA 441	Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society II	
Japanese and Japan-Related History		
Select two courses from the following:		6
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	
Electives		
Select two courses from the following:		6
JAPA 240	Introduction to Japanese Culture	
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	
JAPA 320	Japanese Cinema	

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JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)
JAPA 350	Readings in Japanese Culture (if not used to fulfill the Japanese language requirement)
JAPA 360	Topics in Japanese Popular Culture
JAPA 370	Video Games and Japan
JAPA 420	Animals and Nature in Japan
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core)
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)
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