

# JAPANESE | LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

## Course Search

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

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*Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.*

## Courses

- JPN 1130 Beginning Japanese 1** **5 Credits**  
Beginning study covering four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. JPN 1130 has a strict attendance policy: if registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor.  
**Prereq:** placement test
- JPN 1131 Beginning Japanese 2** **5 Credits**  
Continued study of the four skills with additional vocabulary and grammar. JPN 1131 has a strict attendance policy: if registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor.  
**Prereq:** JPN 1130 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test
- JPN 2230 Intermediate Japanese 1** **5 Credits**  
Intermediate study of the four skills with new vocabulary and grammar. JPN 2230 has a strict attendance policy: if registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor.  
**Prereq:** JPN 1131 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test
- JPN 2231 Intermediate Japanese 2** **5 Credits**  
Continuation of intermediate study. JPN 2231 has a strict attendance policy: if registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor.  
**Prereq:** JPN 2230 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test
- JPN 3410 Advanced Japanese 1** **3 Credits**  
Advanced study of the four skills with attention to more complex structures. JPN 3410 has a strict attendance policy: if registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor. (H and N)  
**Prereq:** JPN 2231 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test  
General Education - Humanities  
General Education - International
- JPN 3411 Advanced Japanese 2** **3 Credits**  
Continuation of advanced study. JPN 3411 has a strict attendance policy. If registered students miss two or more class meetings during drop/add, they may be dropped from the class upon notification by the instructor. (H and N)  
**Prereq:** JPN 3410 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test  
General Education - Humanities  
General Education - International
- JPN 3440 Business Japanese** **3 Credits**  
Provides grammatical structures and essential business vocabulary, develops conversation strategies and presentation skills, and raises awareness of the customs and cultural differences in Japanese business interactions.  
**Prereq:** JPN 2231 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent
- JPN 3730 Language in Japanese Society** **3 Credits**  
Analysis of variation in regional dialects: gender-based differences, pragmatics of interpersonal communication, language acquisition and discourse structure. (S and N)  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science
- JPN 4415 Japanese Translation: Theory and Practice** **3 Credits**  
Key concepts and approaches of translation studies applied to the translation of Japanese to English, and English to Japanese, in a variety of media, genre, and text types.  
**Prereq:** JPN 3410 or equivalent with a minimum grade of C or instructor permission
- JPN 4850 Structure of Japanese** **3 Credits**  
Linguistic analysis of modern standard Japanese. Topics include phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and writing. Readings and discussions in English. (S and N)  
**Prereq:** JPN 1131 or instructor permission  
General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science
- JPN 4905 Individual Study** **1-5 Credits**  
For those who seek independent work not offered in another course. Available only by special arrangement.
- JPN 4911 Undergraduate Research in Language or Linguistics** **3 Credits**  
Provides firsthand, supervised research in Language or Linguistics. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Language or Linguistics.
- JPN 4930 Special Topics in Japanese Studies** **3 Credits**  
Variable topics dealing with specific issues in and in-depth study of special topics in Japanese studies.
- JPN 4935 Senior Honors Thesis** **3 Credits**  
Select a Japanese faculty member to act as director for an independent research project that culminates in an honors thesis.  
**Prereq:** Minimum 3.5 GPA and instructor permission
- JPN 4940 Internship** **3 Credits**  
Faculty (or delegated authority) supervised internship. Requires a written post-internship report.  
**Prereq:** instructor and department permission
- JPN 4956 Overseas Studies 1** **1-15 Credits**  
Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.  
**Prereq:** undergraduate advisor permission

- JPN 4957 Overseas Studies 2** **1-15 Credits**  
 Revolving topics provide a mechanism for coursework taken at a foreign university as part of an approved study abroad program to be transferred to UF. Credits taken will be entered in the student's transcript and may or may not count toward graduation, at the discretion of major's advisors.  
**Prereq:** undergraduate advisor permission
- JPT 3100 Tales of Kyoto** **3 Credits**  
 An investigation of literary texts from the 8th through the 17th centuries presented within the framework of Western literary and feminist criticism. (H and N)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 3120 Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation** **3 Credits**  
 A critical examination of stories, autobiographies and secondary criticism from the 19th century to the present. Become familiar with the forms and topics of criticism through Japanese and Western sources. (H and N) (WR)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International  
 WR6
- JPT 3121 Contemporary Japanese Literature: Postwar to Postmodern** **3 Credits**  
 Companion to JPT 3120 that reflects the increasing clarity with which contemporary Japanese literature (1945 to present) is emerging as a separate field with its own set of issues, major texts and significance for the American student of Japan. Writers range from Dazai and Oe Kenzaburo to Murakami Haruki, and issues range from subjectivity to cybernetics.
- JPT 3140 Modern Women Writers** **3 Credits**  
 Examination of narratives written by women who published during the Taisho (1912-25), Showa (1925-89) and Heisei (1989 to present) periods. (H and N)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 3150 Classical Japanese Poetry** **3 Credits**  
 Historical survey of traditional Japanese poetry (waka) from the 8th to the 16th century. (H and N)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 3300 Samurai War Tales** **3 Credits**  
 Explores the historical and cultural stimuli that led to war, recorded later as war narratives. Supported by images of architecture, narrative picture scrolls, and extant military accoutrements. (H and N)  
**Coreq:** JPT 3500 recommended  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 3391 Introduction to Japanese Film** **4 Credits**  
 Introduces the formal and historical features of Japanese film that have given it a unique position in film history. Emphasizes formal and critical analysis as well as the intellectual stakes of studying non-western film.
- JPT 3500 Japanese Culture** **3 Credits**  
 Introduction to Japanese culture with emphasis on tracing the origin and development of important aspects of Japanese literature, art, religion and society. All readings in English. (H and N) (WR)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International  
 WR6
- JPT 4130 The Tale of Genji** **3 Credits**  
 Investigation of the 11th-century masterpiece and its pervasive influence on Japanese literature, past and present. (H and N)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 4502 Japanese Folklore** **3 Credits**  
 Study of native belief systems and the supernatural as reflected in the folk practice of ritual observance and in tales, myths, songs and proverbs. (H and N)  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 4510 Representations of Japan's Modern Empire** **3 Credits**  
 Examines a variety of literary, historical, anthropological, and theoretical texts to explore racial and social issues related to Japan's imperial past. (H and N)  
**Coreq:** JPT 3500 recommended  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPT 4911 Undergraduate Research in English Translation** **3 Credits**  
 Provides firsthand, supervised research in English Translation. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in English Translation.
- JPT 4956 Overseas Studies 1** **1-15 Credits**  
 Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.  
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- JPT 4957 Overseas Studies 2** **1-15 Credits**  
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**Prereq:** undergraduate advisor permission
- JPW 3143 Classical Japanese 1** **3 Credits**  
 Introduction to classical Japanese texts with emphasis on reading comprehension, grammar analysis and translation.  
**Prereq:** JPN 2231 with minimum grade of C, or the equivalent
- JPW 4130 Readings in Japanese Literature** **3 Credits**  
 A fourth-year language course based on literary texts, incorporating advanced reading skills and the analysis of literature in the original. (H and N)  
**Prereq:** JPN 3411 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test  
 General Education - Humanities  
 General Education - International
- JPW 4131 Japanese Texts and Contexts** **3 Credits**  
 Complements JPW 4130, Readings in Japanese Literature, and focuses on contemporary issues as encountered in a variety of Japanese media.  
**Prereq:** JPN 3411 with minimum grade of C, or S, or the equivalent as proven by placement test
- JPW 4911 Undergraduate Research in Target Language** **3 Credits**  
 Provides firsthand, supervised research in Target Language. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Target Language.
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