

ASIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES MINOR

The minor in Asian Language and Literatures offers students the opportunity to master skills of language acquisition and cross-cultural communicative competence while developing multicultural awareness of Japanese-speaking and other Asian-language speaking communities. Our program prepares students to think critically, and allows them to gain knowledge of Asian languages and literatures.

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Curriculum

Four courses in Japanese or other Asian languages (with Department approval) and two courses of Literature in Translation (LITR) on a Japanese Literature or Asian Literature theme. Students with no previous experience in Japanese will complete the four course JAPN 101 Japanese I-JAPN 104 Japanese IV sequence and then complete LITR 245 Asian Masterpieces (in the area Japanese Literature in Translation) and one other LITR course. Students are permitted to substitute an Asian-themed 200 or 300-level course from another Department (such as History, Political Science or Anthropology) for their second LITR required course. Students with previous knowledge of Japanese will begin at a higher level than JAPN 101 Japanese I and complete a four course language sequence.

Language Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Arabic		
ARAB 101	Arabic I	3
ARAB 102	Arabic 102	3
ARAB 103	Arabic 103	3
ARAB 104	Arabic 104	3
ARAB 250	Advanced Composition And Conversation	3
ARAB 251	Advanced Composition and Conversation II	3
Chinese		
CHIN 101	Chinese I	3
CHIN 102	Chinese II	3
CHIN 103	Chinese III	3
CHIN 104	Chinese IV	3
CHIN 250	Composition and Conversation	3
CHIN 251	Advanced Composition & Conversation	3
CHIN 341	Modern Chinese Literature in Chinese	3
CHIN 395	Tutorial	1-6
Hindi-Urdu		
HNDI 101	Hindi-Urdu I	3
HNDI 102	Hindi-Urdu II	3
HNDI 103	Hindi-Urdu III	3
HNDI 104	Hindi-Urdu IV	3
Japanese		
JAPN 101	Japanese I	3

JAPN 102	Japanese II	3
JAPN 103	Japanese III	3
JAPN 104	Japanese IV	3
JAPN 250	Composition & Conversation I	3
JAPN 251	Composition & Conversation II	3

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Show intermediate proficiency in speaking, understanding, reading and writing skills
- Demonstrate knowledge of content areas (Japanese vocabulary and grammar, Asian literature and traditions, Asian films including in the Anime' genre)
- Understand the principle characteristics which define Asian culture
- Trace change over time in cultural values
- Examine and describe numerous cultural expressions in order analyze key elements of Asian cultural identity and make cross-cultural, intercultural comparisons
- Establish connections between literature, film, and society in Japanese and other Asian cultures
- Attain better cultural competency
- Foster a lifelong interest and enthusiasm for Japanese and Asian language and literature study