

Japanese Minor

Japanese is the 9th most spoken language in the world and a global powerhouse in the culture industry. The Japanese minor at the University of Oregon helps you turn language skills into real-world opportunities. Designed to complement a wide range of majors, the Japanese minor provides the coursework to build advanced proficiency in Japanese while developing practical abilities in communication, translation, and cross-cultural understanding—skills that employers value in fields like international business, government, education, media, and nonprofit work.

Through both Japanese-language courses and courses taught in English on Japan's society, culture, media, literature, linguistics, and global role—plus study abroad and internship opportunities—you'll gain hands-on experience applying what you learn. Whether you're aiming for a global career or graduate study, the major gives you the tools to work confidently across cultures and industries. The top employers of our graduates include Amazon, Nike, and Intel. Housed in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, the program fosters a supportive learning environment that prepares students to navigate an interconnected world with linguistic confidence and cross-cultural insight.

Japanese Minor Requirements

The Japanese minor requires a minimum of 6 upper-division courses (a minimum of 24 graded credits), which must consist of at least 3 language courses, 2 courses in literature, linguistics, and/or culture, and a sixth course that has any JPN or EALL subject code. At least three of the six courses must be taken in residence on the University of Oregon campus from the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

Code	Title	Credits
Japanese language—a minimum of three courses, at third-year level or higher, chosen from the following:		
JPN 301	Third-Year Japanese I	
JPN 302	Third-Year Japanese II	
JPN 303	Third-Year Japanese III	
JPN 411	Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese	
JPN 412	Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese	
JPN 413	Fourth-Year Spoken Japanese	
JPN 414	Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese	
JPN 415	Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese	
JPN 416	Fourth-Year Reading and Writing Japanese	
JPN 434	Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature	
JPN 435	Advanced Readings in Japanese Literature	
JPN 436		
JPN 437		
JPN 455	Japanese Business Culture and Language	
Culture, literature, film, linguistics—a minimum of two courses chosen from the following		
JPN 305	Japanese Literature 8-16th Century	
JPN 306	Japanese Literature 17th Century-World War II	
JPN 307	Japanese Literature World War II-Present	
JPN 315	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	

Upper-division language courses must be taken at the University of Oregon or through an Oregon University System program in Japan. Lower-division courses must be passed with grades of C– or better or P; upper-division courses must be passed with grades of C– or better.