**JAPANESE, B.A.**

The Japanese program offers students a range of courses and activities which enhance students’ intercultural and transcultural competencies. With the completion of the four basic years of the language, students will be prepared to handle various types of colloquial Japanese. Our majors pursue advanced studies in Japanese language or literature. It is also possible to combine an interest in Japan with a degree in business, engineering, history, or international studies.

Majors are urged to begin coursework early, ideally in the freshman or sophomore year. If, however, this is not possible, summer courses at UW–Madison or elsewhere are available which speed the student’s progress. Those who have previous Japanese study experience may enter advanced courses on the basis of department recommendation.


**STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN**

Students may receive residence credit for study abroad through a variety of programs sponsored by the department. Please contact International Academic Programs ([https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/](https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/)) for details.

Students may also receive credit, or gain experience, through various internship opportunities abroad. Please contact International Internship Programs ([http://internships.international.wisc.edu/](http://internships.international.wisc.edu/)) for details.

**STARTING COURSEWORK TOWARD THE MAJOR**

Before declaring the major, students are urged to begin coursework early, ideally in the freshman or sophomore year. If, however, this is not possible, summer courses at UW–Madison or elsewhere are available which speed the student’s progress. Those who have previous Japanese study experience may enter advanced courses on the basis of placement tests ([https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests/](https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests/)).

**HOW TO GET IN**

**PLACEMENT EXAM**

The Asian Languages and Cultures department offers placement exams for students with prior language study or experience as a speaker of Japanese. For more information, see the department’s website ([https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests-2/](https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests-2/)).

**DECLARING THE MAJOR**

Students may declare the major at any time during their undergraduate career and their study of Japanese. Students interested in the Japanese major are urged to meet with the undergraduate advisor in advance of declaring the major to discuss the requirements.

Students declared in the Japanese Professional Communication certificate may not be declared in the Japanese major at the same time. Students who do wish to declare the Japanese major must first cancel their declaration in the Japanese Professional Communication certificate.

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**REQUIREMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements ([http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestytext](http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestytext)) section of the Guide.

**General Education**

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

**COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)**

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Mathematics**

Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

**Foreign Language**

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

**L&S Breadth**

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

**Liberal Arts and Science Coursework**

Complete at least 108 credits.
Japanese, B.A.

Depth of
Intermediate/Advanced work
Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major
Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits
Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience
• 30 credits in residence, overall; and
• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work
• 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSING AN L&S MAJOR
Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

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| Prerequisites: First and Second Year Language

First Semester Japanese (complete one):

ASIALANG 103  First Semester Japanese  4
ASIALANG 113 & ASIALANG 114  First Semester Elementary Japanese and Second Semester Elementary Japanese Followed by (complete all):

ASIALANG 104  Second Semester Japanese  4
ASIALANG 203  Third Semester Japanese  4
ASIALANG 204  Fourth Semester Japanese  4

Required Language Course
ASIALANG 303  Fifth Semester Japanese  4

Advanced or Specialized Language Courses

ASIALANG 313  Classical Japanese  9
ASIALANG 376  Japanese Conversation  3
ASIALANG 377  Business Japanese Communication  3
ASIALANG 451  Advanced Readings in Japanese  3
ASIALANG 452  Advanced Japanese through Audio-Visual Media  3

Japanese Culture, Linguistics, and Literature
Introductory Course (complete one):

ASIAN 100  Gateway to Asia: Special Topics  3
ASIAN/HISTORY 104  Introduction to East Asian History: Japan  3
ASIAN 203  Lost in Translation: Western Experience in Asia  3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236  Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters  3
ASIAN 253  Japanese Popular Culture  3
ASIAN/HISTORY/POSI SCI 255  Introduction to East Asian Civilizations  3
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 267  Asian Religions in Global Perspective  3

Intermediate Courses (complete three courses):

ART HIST 203  Survey of Asian Art  3
ASIAN 353  Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 354  Early Modern Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 355  Modern Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 358  Language in Japanese Society  3
ASIAN 361  Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji  3
ASIAN 367  Haiku  3
ASIAN 373  Topics in Japanese: Study Abroad  3
ASIAN 376  Manga  3
ASIAN 378  Anime  3
ASIAN 434  Introduction to Japanese Linguistics  3
ASIAN/HISTORY 454  Samurai: History and Image  3
ASIAN/HISTORY 456  Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia  3
ASIALANG 313  Classical Japanese  3

ART HIST 372  Arts of Japan  3
LITTRANS 372  3
LITTRANS 373  Topics in Japanese Literature  3
LITTRANS 368  Modern Japanese Fiction  3

Advanced Course (complete one):

ASIAN 533  Readings in Early Modern Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 563  Readings in Modern Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 573  Readings in Classical Japanese Literature  3
ASIAN 681  Senior Honors Thesis  3
ASIAN 682  Senior Honors Thesis  3
ASIAN 691  Senior Thesis  3
ASIAN 692  Senior Thesis  3
ASIAN 698  Directed Study  3
ASIAN 699  Directed Study  3

Total Credits
44

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

• 2.000 GPA in all major courses
• 2.000 GPA in 15 upper-level major credits, in residence
• 15 credits in the major, taken on campus

Upper-level major courses in the major:

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<td>Introduction to Comics and Graphic Novels: Theory, History, Method</td>
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| ASIAN 353   | Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature 3
| ASIAN 354   | Early Modern Japanese Literature 3
| ASIAN 355   | Modern Japanese Literature 3
| ASIAN 358   | Language in Japanese Society 3


HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all courses accepted in the major
- Complete the following coursework, with a grade of B or better:
  - Either ASIAN 699 or other appropriate course of 3–4 credits with the major professor, under whose guidance a student intends to write a thesis. This course must be taken before ASIAN 681.
  - Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in ASIAN 681 and ASIAN 682, for a total of 6 credits.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree

To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency

Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work

Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the content and cultural context of written texts and video materials with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of comprehension to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively.
2. Spontaneously exchange ideas about various topics with relative ease.
3. State and support one's own opinion while acknowledging others' viewpoints.
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of pragmatic, sociolinguistic, and rhetorical features of the target language.
5. Conduct library and/or internet-based research on topics relating to their particular interests and special fields of expertise, collecting and selecting relevant information using English and target language source materials.
6. Synthesize and critically evaluate source materials in both English and the target language.
7. Present (orally or in written language) their experiences and their introspection on these experiences in a coherent and effective manner.
8. Demonstrate cultural awareness across historical epochs.
9. Produce effective academic writing in English.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own...
four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

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Students beginning language study this term may start with:

| ASIALANG 113 |

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| Total Credits | 120 |

### ADVISING AND CAREERS

#### UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR

Rachel Weiss  
1244 Van Hise Hall  
608-890-0138  
rweiss@wisc.edu  
Schedule an advising appointment in Starfish. You can access Starfish from your MyUW dashboard.

Rachel is the advisor for the undergraduate majors and certificates in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. She is happy to meet with students as they explore the degree options, prepare for study abroad or advance through their four-year plans.

#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTIONS ADVISING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The Language Institute (https://languages.wisc.edu) provides academic and career advising to undergraduate students interested in languages and international area studies. The International Directions advisor provides academic and career advising to undergraduate students who are interested in languages and international area studies. Learn more (https://languages.wisc.edu/advising/).

#### L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (https://successworks.wisc.edu/) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- Enroll in a Career Course (https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/)
Activate your Handshake account (https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students

Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students’ lives (https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/)

PEOPLE

FACULTY

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RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures has various scholarships to support meritorious students in our programs. Application information and deadlines (https://alc.wisc.edu/undergraduate-studies/department-scholarships/).

Cameron G. Keith Memorial Scholarship
This award is given annually to two undergraduate students studying Japanese. This award is announced during the fall semester, and eligible students may apply. The criteria are: Japanese major, junior or senior standing, cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, currently taking Japanese, and plan to go into a Japanese related profession. Cameron G. Keith was an East Asian Studies and Economics studies major at UW–Madison who studied abroad in Japan, and later in Nepal. In his memory, the Keith family established these funds in honor of his interest in the region.

OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
East Asian Studies FLAS Coordinator: Laurie Dennis, Assistant Director, ldennis@wisc.edu (ldennis@international.wisc.edu), 325 Ingraham Hall

FLAS fellowships are funded by the US Department of Education and administered by UW–Madison’s National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.htm), and are contingent on federal funding. Please direct any questions to the FLAS Coordinator (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.htm) of your chosen language.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training. Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are two separate competitions requiring two separate and complete applications.

Wisconsin Experience

Undergraduate Research
Students in the ALC department academic programs are encouraged to become engaged in undergraduate research. There are numerous programs (https://teachlearn.provost.wisc.edu/initiatives-and-programs/undergraduate-research/) that provide research opportunities for undergraduates at UW–Madison including:

- Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowships (https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/all-scholarships/hilldale-undergraduate-faculty-research-fellowship/)
- McNair Scholars (http://grad.wisc.edu/mcnair/)
- Summer Research Programs (https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/srop/)
- Undergraduate Research Scholars (https://urs.ls.wisc.edu/)
- The Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship Program (https://morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wisconsin-idea-fellowships/)

Wisconsin Experience

People

Japanese, B.A.
Scholarships@UW–Madison (https://scholarships.wisc.edu/
Scholarships/)
This is the primary campuswide portal for applicants, current students, and everyone looking for scholarship opportunities on campus.

Undergraduate Academic Awards Office (https://
awards.advising.wisc.edu/)
We help UW–Madison undergraduates and recent graduates pursue nationally competitive scholarships (https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/
nationally-competitive/) and campuswide awards (https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/campus-wide/) for research, service, and leadership—activities at the heart of the Wisconsin Experience. We can help you:

- Find scholarship opportunities that match your goals and interests
- Navigate the scholarship application process
- Review scholarship essays
- Prepare for national scholarship interviews

Contact us (https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/schedule-an-
appointment/) to schedule an appointment to discuss which opportunities are right for you.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Boren Scholarships (http://borenawards.org/)
Campus Representative: Undergraduates with questions should contact Matt Geisler (mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu), Associate Director of International Academic Programs

These scholarships provide up to $20,000 to US undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to US interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. (Full list of preferred countries (https://borenawards.org/
eligible-programs/#countries)) Additionally, all programs must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language. (Full list of preferred languages (https://borenawards.org/eligible-programs/#languages)).

Critical Language Scholarship Program (http://www.clscholarship.org/)
Campus Representative: Mark Lilleleht, Assistant Director for Awards at awards@iris.wisc.edu

The CLS program is part of the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is a fully-funded overseas intensive language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and to build relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning. The fourteen CLS languages are: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

The CLS Program seeks participants with diverse interests, from a wide variety of fields of study, backgrounds and career paths, with the purpose of representing the full diversity of the United States. Thus, students from all academic disciplines, including business, engineering, law, medicine, science, social sciences, arts and humanities are encouraged to apply.

Campus Representative: Andy Quackenbush (quackenbush@studyabroad.wisc.edu)

The Gilman Scholarship Program is an undergraduate grant program for US citizens of limited financial means to enable them to study abroad, thereby internationalizing their outlook and better preparing them to assume significant roles in the increasingly global economy.