JPNS - Japanese

JPNS 101. Elementary Japanese I. 4 Credits. (4 Rct)
Elementary course designed to help students acquire basic language skills in Japanese: reading, writing, listening, speaking. Introduction to Japanese writing systems (hiragana, katakana, kanji). Emphasis on establishing correct pronunciation and grasp of grammar. Cultural perspectives such as greetings, simple dialogues.

JPNS 102D. Elementary Japanese II. 4 Credits. (4 Rct) S
PREREQUISITE: JPN101 or equivalent, or placement interview with instructor.
Continuation of JPNS 101. Expansion of cultural knowledge.

JPNS 150D. Japanese Culture & Civ. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W or consent of instructor. Survey of Japanese society, literature, art, and religion from earliest times to the modern period. All readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Japanese necessary.

JPNS 201D. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 Credits. (4 Rct) S
PREREQUISITE: JPN102D or equivalent, or placement interview with instructor.
Review of skills acquired in elementary Japanese, followed by additional study of grammatical patterns and vocabulary acquisition. Emphasis on gaining basic conversational skills and improving reading. Expansion of cultural knowledge.

JPNS 202D. Intermediate Japanese II. 4 Credits. (4 Rct) S
PREREQUISITE: JPN201D or equivalent, or placement interview with instructor.
Continuation of JPNS 201D. Students who successfully complete this course will have “survival” skills for daily life in Japan, and will be ready for more advanced course work using authentic materials. Expansion of cultural knowledge.

JPNS 305. Japanese Adv Conversations. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: JPNS 202 or placement interview with instructor. Review and further development of communication skills with an emphasis on both speaking and writing for various occasions. Cultural and social topics are explored through authentic materials to enhance knowledge of Japan and its people.

JPNS 320. Classical Japanese Literature. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W or consent of instructor. Study of poetry, drama, and narrative from earliest times to mid-nineteenth century. All readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Japanese necessary.

JPNS 321. Modern Japanese Literature. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W or consent of instructor. Study of novels, short stories, and poems written by Japanese authors from the mid-nineteenth century onward. Covers Japan’s initial encounter with the West and the establishment of individual identity. All readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Japanese necessary.

JPNS 325IH. Others in Japanese Lit/Culture. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand

JPNS 340. Japanese Adv Reading & Grammar. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: JPNS 202 or placement interview with instructor. Review and further development of grammar and vocabulary skills necessary for improved reading proficiency in Japanese. Topics for study address Japanese culture and society through manga/cartoons, newspapers, magazines, correspondence, and short essays, with some translation and comparison with English.

JPNS 361IH. Japanese Text and Cinema. 3 Credits. (3 Rct) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: WRIT 101W or consent of instructor. Study of several fine Japanese films and the literary works upon which they were based. Emphasis is on the transformation of written text into image. All readings and discussions in English. No knowledge of Japanese necessary.

JPNS 450R. Sem: Japanese Lit and Culture. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: JPNS 315 or JPNS 350. Senior capstone course. Topics offered at the upper division level which are not covered in regular courses. Students conduct individual research projects while also preparing and presenting discussion materials.

JPNS 492. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 6 cr max)
PREREQUISITE: Junior standing and consent of instructor. Directed research and study on an individual basis.