Japan Studies Minor

The Japan Studies Program offers a non-teaching, interdisciplinary minor in Japan Studies through the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. The program’s mission is to provide students with the skills and understanding they need to succeed in Japanese contexts. This program is not designed for teacher certification. The minor requires basic Japanese language proficiency and a broad knowledge of Japanese history, literature, and civilization. It includes 12 credits in Japanese language training and 15-16 credits in elective coursework, for a total of 27-28 credits.

In order to receive the minor, students must successfully complete the following course work:

**Required**

Four Semesters of Japanese Language: 12

- JPNS 101 Elementary Japanese I
- JPNS 102D Elementary Japanese II
- JPNS 201D Intermediate Japanese I
- JPNS 202D Intermediate Japanese II

Choose two lower division electives: 6-7

- JPNS 150D Japanese Culture & Civ
- HSTR 145D Reinventing Japan
- ANTY 242D Contemporary Japan

Choose three upper division electives: 9

- ANTY 337 Sex, Gender, Sexuality Japan
- ANTY 343 Popular Culture - Japan
- HSTR 340 Age of the Shoguns
- HSTR 342 Japan’s Meiji Revolution
- HSTR 444
- HSTR 445 Environ, Health & Sci in Japan
- JPNS 305 Japanese Adv Conversations
- JPNS 320 Classical Japanese Literature
- JPNS 321 Modern Japanese Literature
- JPNS 325IH Outcast Literature
- JPNS 340 Japanese Adv Reading & Grammar
- JPNS 361IH Japanese Text and Cinema
- JPNS 450R Sem: Japanese Lit and Culture

**Total Credits** 27-28

Not all courses may be taken in the same department. Credits earned for Japanese language study abroad may be applied to both the Language Requirement and the Upper Division Electives; but students must fulfill the Lower Division Electives at MSU. Study abroad students may transfer a maximum of 3 content course credits per semester.