

# JAPANESE MINOR

Japan is a democracy with a robust economy, advanced technology in fields including AI and robotics, and a major role in international relations. Japanese popular culture, from anime to video games, has been influential across the U.S. and across the globe. Friendships with Japanese, travel abroad, enjoying Japanese food locally, as well as the practice of martial arts and the love of Japanese popular media have motivated students to pursue the study of Japanese at Carolina. In the program, students enjoy meeting others with similar enthusiasms and often take part in extracurricular activities such as the Japan Club and the anime club (COUP).

## Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
Four language courses beyond JAPN 203, chosen from among the following:		12-13
JAPN 204	Intermediate Japanese II	
JAPN 305	Advanced Japanese I	
JAPN 306	Advanced Japanese II	
JAPN 401	Gateway to Mastering Japanese	
JAPN 408	Japanese Journalism	
JAPN 410	Topics in Contemporary Japanese Literature	
JAPN 411	Food and Culture in Japan	
JAPN 412	 Making Music in Japan	
JAPN 414	 Manga as a Japanese Art and Culture	
JAPN 415	Sports in Japanese Culture	
JAPN 416	Understanding Japanese Business Culture and Its Practice	
JAPN 417	 Japanese Culture through Film and Literature	
JAPN 418	 Service Learning in Japanese Language	
JAPN 490	Topics in Japanese Language and Literature	
JAPN 521	 Investigating Japanese Culture through TV Dramas	
JAPN 590	Advanced Topics in Japanese Language and Literature	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12-13</b>

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/#opportunitiestext>) for special opportunities.

## Department Programs

### Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Japanese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Korean Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–South Asian Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/>)

### Minors

- Arabic Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor/>)
- Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor/>)
- Chinese Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor/>)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor/>)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor/>)
- Japanese Minor (p. 1)
- Korean Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor/>)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor/>)
- Persian Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor/>)
- Southeast Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/southeast-asian-studies-minor/>)

### Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/>)

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