The Japanese major is offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and includes courses in the language, culture, literature and linguistics of Japan. Students studying Japanese progress from an elementary working knowledge of the language to oral and written fluency. Once students are familiar with basic patterns of pronunciation and language structure, they are introduced gradually to the writing system and written Japanese. The rich body of Japanese literature is first studied in English translation; sustained study prepares students to read a variety of written genres in the original language.

**Pursuing Japanese at Ohio State**
All freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process; find admissions criteria at go.osu.edu/admissions.

Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Japanese within the College of Arts and Sciences. Interested students should contact the undergraduate studies director in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and in Arts and Sciences Advising.

**Japanese Requirements**
Japanese majors are required to design their programs from courses in language, culture, literature and linguistics. Students must complete at least 33 credit hours in Japanese and Japanese-related work. Programs should be planned in consultation with an academic advisor assigned by the undergraduate studies director.

Prerequisite courses include Japanese 1101–1103 and Japanese 2231. These courses do not apply toward the major.

Additional electives and General Education requirements totaling 121 hours are required by the College of Arts and Sciences for graduation.

Success in Japanese requires a commitment to daily preparation and a willingness on the part of the student to use the opportunities provided in class to use the language. In addition, students should begin considering and planning for a study abroad program as soon as they have decided to major in Japanese. Students interested in studying abroad during their junior or senior year can get specific information about various programs from their coordinating advisor in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

**Co-Curricular Opportunities**
Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom. These range from internships to study abroad programs to student organizations. Internships place students in professional environments while they are Ohio State students. Ohio State offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 40 countries around the world. In addition, there are hundreds of student organizations on campus to meet the interests of a diverse student population.

These opportunities enable students to gain valuable work experience, learn about cultures and take on leadership roles before they enter the workforce. All of these experiences enhance learning and may provide an advantage in the job market.

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**Honors & Scholars Programs**
Ohio State offers the Honors and Scholars programs to create an environment of intellectual support and stimulation within a close-knit community of high-ability undergraduate students. Through these programs, students have access to smaller classes, undergraduate research opportunities, close working relationships with faculty, priority scheduling and unique housing options.

Honors and Scholars programs represent great opportunities to be part of a smaller community within a large university. Learn more about the Honors and Scholars program at honors-scholars.osu.edu.

**Career Prospects in Japanese**
Japanese is applicable in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad. Mastery of Japanese allows students to consider careers in such fields as education, government, international trade, banking, print or electronic media, tourism, or art. Many employers are eager to hire graduates who are fluent in Japanese because their businesses involve Japanese speakers.

Careers in which Japanese is the primary emphasis include teaching Japanese at all levels; interpreting and translating for the United Nations, government, or for private and public organizations; and a variety of positions in the travel and tourism industry at home or abroad such as flight attendant, travel agent, and tour guide. Careers in which proficiency in Japanese is a good secondary tool include banking and finance, business, sales, export purchasing, foreign market analysis, journalism,
Curriculum Sample
This is a sample list of classes a student may take to pursue a degree in Japanese Studies. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete General Education (GE) requirements. Because GE courses come from a variety of academic areas of study, this course work helps students develop fundamental skills essential to collegiate success and allows them to tailor these courses toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Japanese Studies. For more information visit deall.osu.edu.

Freshman Year:
Survey course 1
Freshman Seminar 1
Level One Japanese 8
Elements of Japanese Culture 3
GE courses 17
Total hours 30

Sophomore Year:
Intermediate Intensive Japanese 19
Japanese Literature in Translation 3
GE courses 9
Total hours 31

Junior Year:
Level Four Japanese 6
Japanese Literature and Film in Critical Perspective 3
Japanese Literature: Modern Period 3
Scripts of East Asia 3
Elective courses 3
GE courses 12
Total hours 30

Senior Year:
Level Five Japanese 6
Japanese Literature: Classical Period 3
Thought in China and Japan 3
Japanese Language: Structure, Culture, and Communication 3
Elective courses 9
GE courses 6
Total hours 30

foreign correspondence, science and research, library science, hotel management, publishing, radio broadcasting, and teaching English to Japanese speakers. All who study Japanese find that the experience sharpens their understanding of language and culture in general and makes them more attentive to nuance in their native languages, thus helping them exercise a greater amount of control over their own lives, no matter what their eventual fields of interest or occupations.

Ohio State graduates with language degrees have chosen job such as international management at Honda, language coordinator at Honda, president and founder of Languages Unlimited, Inc., trade specialist with the Ohio Department of Development, and networking programmer at Proctor and Gamble.

Beginning salaries depend on candidates’ skills and experience, and whether Japanese is of primary or secondary importance in daily job performance. Japanese language graduates find their marketable skills considerably enriched by their humanities education.

Career Counseling and Job Placement
Students can explore career options by utilizing Career Connection as well as the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Providing complimentary services, Career Connection focuses on helping students establish a career direction while the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office assists students with finding internships—experiences that are essential to testing out the suitability of career fields under consideration. Located in 48 Townshend Hall, the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office also assists seniors and recent graduates with finding entry-level career employment. More information about both offices is found at asccareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

More About Japanese
Many scholarship, internship and study abroad opportunities are available for students majoring in Japanese. Programs exist at the following:

- Hokkaido University
- International Christian University
- Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies
- Japanese Study Abroad Program in Kobe (Kobe Shoin Women’s University)
- Nanzan University
- Tenri University
- Waseda University
- University of Tsukuba
- Ohio-Saitama Business Internship

For more information regarding any of the programs listed above, refer to oia.osu.edu.

There are several tracks to study Japanese language at Ohio State, including the regular track, the intensive track and individualized instruction track. Summer intensive courses are also available.

Revised January 2014. Information subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on the Japanese program, please visit deall.osu.edu.

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