JAPANESE STUDIES (JNS)

JNS 101 Elementary Japanese 3
Introduction to communicative Japanese and its writing systems (Hiragana and Katakana). The course covers basic grammar, fundamental words, phrases, and expressions. The course also introduces modern Japanese culture.
GE Marker: GN

JNS 102 Elementary Japanese 3
Second semester continuation course for communicative Japanese and its writing system. Students study grammar, fundamental expressions, and basic Kanji. The course also stresses an understanding of modern Japanese culture.
GE Marker: GN
Prerequisites: JNS 101.

JNS 203 Intermediate Japanese 3
Third semester continuation course to communicative Japanese. Students study more advanced concepts and continue to learn Kanji. The course also aims to deepen students’ understanding of modern Japanese culture.
GE Marker: GN
LEC: GFL
Prerequisites: Proficiency level: JNS 102.

JNS 204 Intermediate Japanese 3
Fourth semester continuation course for communicative Japanese with emphasis on oral and written mastery of functional Japanese. The course also deepens students’ understanding of modern Japanese culture and society.
GE Marker: GN
LEC: GFL
Prerequisites: JNS 203.

JNS 210 Current Topics Conversation 1
The course provides students with oral training for effective communication over current topics of global interest.
GE Marker: GN
Prerequisites: JNS 204 or permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated for up to three (3) semester hours.

JNS 220 Modern Japan 3
Introduction to Japanese culture and society. This course examines Japan’s modern development through selected topics on modern history, society, and pop-culture including media culture, film, and literature.
GE Marker: GN
Notes: Taught in English.

JNS 230 Women in Japanese Literature and Film 3
The course focuses on various aspects of women’s lives in modern Japanese society, providing an overview of modern Japanese society through representation of women’s culture in literature and film.
GE Core: GLT
GE Marker: GN
Notes: Taught in English.

JNS 301 Advanced Grammar and Conversation 3
Advanced language course that aims at improving students’ communication skills in Japanese and enhancing their global awareness. The course work involves grammar retention drills, reading/writing assignments, and various speaking exercises.
GE Marker: GN
Prerequisites: JNS 204.

JNS 302 Third-year Japanese Language Conversation and Composition 3
The course is designed to improve students’ communication skills through intensive lectures, grammar retention drills, and oral and writing exercises. Students deepen their understanding of cultural logics behind Japanese language.
GE Marker: GN
Prerequisites: JNS 301.

JNS 305 Topics in Japanese Culture 3
Focus on Japanese civilization to improve linguistic and/or cultural proficiency. Taught in either English or Japanese.
GE Marker: GN
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

JNS 306 Current Issues in Japan 3
The course focuses on current issues in Japan and non-traditional aspects of Japanese society. The course materials include literary texts, film, and other interdisciplinary materials. Taught in English.
GE Marker: GN

JNS 499 Practicum 3
The course provides students with civic engagement opportunities. Students will deepen their understanding of the Japanese language, culture and society through service learning.