

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JAPANESE

The Japanese major consists of 45 units of lower- and upper-division coursework.

Upper-division courses in Japanese are generally conducted in Japanese, and students are expected to use Japanese in their speaking, reading, and writing.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Japanese:

- Language, Linguistics: Students will speak, listen, write, and read Japanese throughout a variety of language and linguistic courses.
- Culture: Students will identify and analyze various elements of Japanese culture not only through a range of culture-focused courses but also through general language courses.
- Literature: Students will read and analyze authentic Japanese literary texts and develop their understanding of multi-faceted nature of literary analysis in relation to various contexts and perspectives.
- Writing skills: Students should be able to write coherent and engaging essays in Japanese that conform to accepted academic standards.

Japanese (B.A.) – 48 units

Required Courses (39 units)

Code	Title	Units
JAPN 101	First Semester Japanese	4
JAPN 102	Second Semester Japanese	4
JAPN 103	Third Semester Japanese	4
JAPN 250	Intensive Study of Kanji: Level I	3
JAPN 251	Intensive Study of Kanji: Level 2	3
JAPN 301	Japanese Conversation	3
JAPN 302	Japanese Reading and Grammar	3
Select One:		3
JAPN 305	Advanced Conversation and Composition - Language and Culture	
JAPN 306	Advanced Conversation and Composition - Language and Humanities	
Select One:		3
JAPN 309	Advanced Readings in Japanese I	
JAPN 310	Advanced Readings in Japanese II	
JAPN 401	Topics in Japanese Culture	3
JAPN 510	Modern Japanese Literature	3
MLL 325	Linguistics for Foreign Languages	3

Graduation Writing Requirement (GWAR) (3 units)

Select one:

Code	Title	Units
MLL 400GW	Reading and Analysis of Cultural Texts - GWAR	3
CWL 400GW	Approaches to Comparative and World Literature - GWAR	3

Upper-Division Electives (6 units)

On advisement.

Note: A minimum of 30 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper-division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper-division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

In addition to these course requirements, the Residential Unit Requirement for BA in Japanese must be fulfilled. If course waivers for AP scores, advanced proficiency in the Japanese language, challenge by examination, or transfer credit from previous colleges are awarded, additional upper-division JAPN courses may be needed to fulfill the residential unit requirement.

Complementary Studies

Required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Japanese are 12 units of Complementary Studies, which must come from courses bearing a prefix other than JAPN, excluding MLL 325, and not cross-listed with JAPN.

General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
Oral Communication	LD	3	A1
Written English Communication	LD	3	A2
Critical Thinking	LD	3	A3
Physical Science	LD	3	B1
Life Science	LD	3	B2
Lab Science	LD	1	B3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	B4
Arts	LD	3	C1
Humanities	LD	3	C2
Arts or Humanities	LD	3	C1 or C2
Social Sciences	LD	3	D1
Social Sciences: US History	LD	3	D2
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)	LD	3	E
Ethnic Studies	LD	3	F
Physical and/or Life Science	UD	3	UD-B
Arts and/or Humanities	UD	3	UD-C
Social Sciences	UD	3	UD-D

SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) tool found in your [Student Center](#).

[First-Time Student Roadmap \(http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/foreign-language/foreign-languages-literatures-japanese/ba-japanese/roadmap-i-ii-eng/\)](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/foreign-language/foreign-languages-literatures-japanese/ba-japanese/roadmap-i-ii-eng/)

General Advising Information for Transfer Students

- Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
- The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
 - a course in U.S. History
 - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are

transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AEL.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.