Japanese Studies at the University of Sydney

The Department

First founded in 1917, we are the oldest Asian language and culture department in Australia.

We integrate a solid tradition of studies in language, literature, and history with the most innovative research and teaching methodologies, as well as recognised areas of research.

Our academic expertise equips you with the ability to acquire a combination of language proficiency and in-depth understanding of cultural difference, giving you professional opportunities in a number of areas ranging from international business to governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Our curriculum

We provide ten levels of Japanese language – from beginner to advanced. You can study the language at the level most suitable to you, and continue your learning from there.

We also offer general culture units on Japanese society, history (modern and pre-modern), and literature, as well as more specialised units on Japanese film, cultural studies, media theory, and sociolinguistics.

Our exchange agreements with a large number of leading Japanese universities gives you the exciting opportunity to study in Japan for periods ranging from three weeks to one semester or even one year.
Study with us

From ancient Kyoto’s urban history to contemporary anime and cosplay, we offer you deep engagement in one of the world’s most vibrant cultures.

Language studies

**Japanese units 1–10**
Through practical classroom learning, develop communicative skills to use and understand Japanese in meaningful, everyday contexts. We teach beginners to learn 100 kanji characters, and equip advanced learners be able to recognise up to 1800 kanji.

Please refer to page 6 for an example of the pathways you could take for a Japanese major.

**Japanese Language and Identity**
Apply methods of linguistic analysis to explore key language strategies to construct speakers’ social identity, and their relationships both with people they are talking to (interlocutors) and people they are talking about (referents).

Culture studies

**Love and Death in Japanese Literature**
Enjoy Japanese short stories and gain an insight into the writers' themes and expressions to develop a critical appreciation of its socio-cultural backgrounds and how they relate to contemporary life.

**Understanding Japan**
Critically examine Japanese society and test commonly held beliefs with reference to historical, cultural, economic, political and social realities.

**Other culture units might include:**
- Historical Texts and Cultures of Japan
- Japanese Society

For the complete list of units of study and more information, see Sydney Courses:
- sydney.edu.au/courses
Japanese Studies and your degree

Students of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, and other liberal studies or combined degrees can study our units as:

A major or minor
Complete 8 units (48 credit points) in Japanese Studies for a major, or 6 units (36 credit points) for a minor in one of our pathways:
- Beginner
- Junior Intermediate
- Senior Intermediate
- Advanced

Electives
Language units can be taken as an elective from Handbook Table S.

Please check your respective course resolutions to ensure specific units are eligible for combined degrees.

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (BA/BAS)
Build on your expertise with advanced coursework and project work, or Honours, in your final year through the combined four-year degree. Undertake a substantial real-world industry, community, entrepreneurship or research project. This involves a minimum of 24 credit points in 4000-level JPNS units, including at least 12 credit points in a project unit.

BA/BAS (Multilingual Translation)
Students who are studying two language majors can undertake the fourth-year multilingual translation coursework to gain professional skills in translation across three languages and high cross-cultural competency.

Dalyell Scholars program
Exclusive to students enrolled in the prestigious Dalyell Scholars stream of the BA/BAS degree, the Languages program will allow you to focus your studies on language acquisition and experiences.

Diploma of Language Studies
Study a language alongside any recognised degree. An accelerated mode is available for completion of study within 15 months.

Prizes and scholarships
We award students for outstanding performance across all learning and year levels with financial prizes:
- A. L. Sadler Prize
- Hugh Clarke Prize
- James Murdoch Prize
- Mark Kwan Memorial Prize
- Moira Jennings Memorial Prize
- Sakuko Matsui Prize

For the full list and more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/arts/japanese/scholarship
Study abroad

Embark on a valuable life-changing experience in Japan with our partners from Hokkaido to Okinawa. Exercise and improve your Japanese language skills, and understand cultural intricacies first hand.

**Exchange program**

You can go on a two to six-week program during the summer or winter break at select institutions with courses such as intensive language classes.

**Short-term programs**

**Partner institutions**

- University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki-Ken
- Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto
- Nagoya University, Nagoya
- Rikkyo University, Tokyo
- Hosei University, Tokyo

For more information, visit:

- sydney.edu.au/study/study-abroad-and-student-exchange.html
I started studying Japanese in high school because I liked how practical and mathematical it is. That experience took me on exchange to Japan for a year, but I started to lose it all when I got back as I had no way of practicing the language.

Enrolling into Japanese Studies at the University of Sydney allowed me to start at a level that was appropriate to my experience. I found the Department's offerings of the course to be very logical and useful. Even though I’ve been studying for so long, I’m still learning! I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested in languages.

Amy Willing
Media and Communications student
Hugh Clarke Prize for Excellence in Japanese 6
### Sample pathways

The tables below are indicative. They show possible pathways for a major and fourth year advanced studies in Japanese Studies. They do not represent the overall degree structure and the units are examples that may change. Please see the current handbook when planning your degree pathway.

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**Year Four**

**Advanced Coursework**

Take two 4000 Level Japanese Studies project units (12 credit points in total) and two Advanced Coursework units (12 credit points in total). The remaining 24 credit points could be taken from your second major or electives.

**Honours**

Take 48 credit points of Japanese Studies Honours units. Note that if you intend to do a Bachelor of Advanced Studies Honours, you must complete two majors during your first three years, so plan your degree carefully.
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