

JAPANESE (MINOR)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Japanese

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Classical and Modern Languages (<https://louisville.edu/modernlanguages/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): JAPNMIN

The Japanese minor introduces students to the foundations of the Japanese language and Japanese culture, as well as consideration of Japan within historical and global contexts. The Japanese language courses build language skills and help develop communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Learning Japanese provides an excellent opportunity to not only add to a student's language abilities but to also deepen insight into a culture different from their own. Completing a minor in Japanese combined with a student's major could allow students the opportunity to go on to a variety of jobs such as working within Japanese companies or teaching abroad, and for further study in graduate programs. This minor would give students an academic and professional edge, as well as making them attractive prospects for Japanese companies.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| JAPN 202 | Second-Year Japanese II | 3 |
| JAPN 301 | Third-Year Japanese I | 3 |
| JAPN 302 | Third-Year Japanese II | 3 |
| Select three of the following: | | 9 |
| JAPN 313 | Special Topics in Japanese Literature, Language, and Culture | |
| JAPN 321 | Japanese Conversation | |
| JAPN 322 | Japanese Composition I | |
| JAPN 323 | Japanese Composition II | |
| JAPN 331 | Introduction to Japanese Culture | |
| JAPN 355 | Reading Japanese Texts | |
| JPST 310 | Japanese Culture Through Film - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| JPST 311 | Contemporary Japanese Culture - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| JPST 312 | Japanese Popular Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |

JPST 313 Special Topics in Japanese Studies

Minimum Total Hours

18

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.