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Major: Japanese Studies, BA

This major is all about Japan: the language, culture, people, history, and much more. It will open a window to the future, enriching your career and personal growth, and helping you see the world in a different light.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Japanese Studies combines advanced language proficiency with an in-depth exploration of Japanese studies, including history, literature, pop culture, religion, society, and politics.

What kind of student is a good fit for Japanese Studies?

Those who wish to explore anything related to Japan and Asia. Japanese language study is intensive and challenging, but rewarding!

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

If you are new to the Japanese language, then JPN 101: Basic Japanese I is a great starting point.

Other popular courses taught in English are:

- JPN 242E: Japanese Pop Culture
- AAS 242: Japanese Manga and Anime
- AAS 238: Japanese Film Arts
- AAS 239: Religion and Ethics in Japanese Foodscapes.
- AAS 242: Japanese Manga and Anime

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Japanese Studies offers short and long-term study abroad programs through the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media, and the College of Communications. Soon, Japanese Studies will also offer a December internship opportunity in Japan in 2025!

What are students doing after graduation?

Former students work in a variety of fields that are often related to Japan: animation, business, computing, diplomacy, education, gaming, law, public service, and non-governmental or nonprofit organizations.

Other interesting facts about the Japanese Studies major?

Reach out to the Japanese Studies faculty at any time to learn more about the major!