

JAPANESE (JAPN)

JAPN 101 Beginning Japanese I (3 credits)

Students who have studied this language for three or more years in high school, or who use it at home, are not eligible to register for this course. A basic introduction to the Japanese language, with emphasis on speaking and understanding. The fundamentals of the Japanese writing system will also be introduced. Meets World Languages Requirement; satisfies SEEDS World Language I student learning outcome in alignment with Diversity and Intercultural Competency value.

JAPN 112 Beginning Japanese II (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 101. A continuation of Beginning Japanese I. Additional vocabulary and more complex grammatical forms will be introduced. The emphasis remains on speaking and understanding. Meets World Languages Requirement; satisfies SEEDS World Language I student learning outcome in alignment with Diversity and Intercultural Competency value.

JAPN 121 Intermediate Japanese I (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 112. This course continues Beginning Japanese I and II and will build on the skills that students have developed in those courses. Students will learn to use a wider variety of more complex structures; they will acquire significantly increased vocabulary; they will improve their pronunciation; and they will gradually gain mastery of the two most difficult aspects of Japanese: its writing system and its system of honorifics. Meets World Languages Requirement; satisfies SEEDS World Language II student learning outcome in alignment with Diversity and Intercultural Competency value.

JAPN 132 Intermediate Japanese II (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 121. This course builds on the skills that students have developed in JAPN 121 and will help the students refine their mastery of the spoken and written language, the vocabulary, the grammar, and the writing system. Meets World Languages Requirement; satisfies SEEDS World Language III student learning outcome in alignment with Diversity and Intercultural Competency value.

JAPN 206 Japanese Conversation and Culture (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 112. Japanese Conversation and Culture is an intermediate language course whose two main objectives are 1) to provide intensive practice with conversational Japanese in daily life settings and, 2) to explore rich Japanese culture through students' research, culminating in a class presentation.

JAPN 207 Kanji through Reading (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 112. "Kanji" ## is one of three writing systems in Japanese, along with hiragana and katakana. Approximately 2,000 to 3,000 kanji are commonly used in Japan. Because kanji is generally recognized as one of the major challenges for learners of Japanese, this course is designed to facilitate the acquisition of kanji through 1) learning the basic radicals and their significance; 2) developing reading knowledge of kanji in sentences and in short essays. Students will learn a minimum of 80 kanji required in the Level 4 of the JLPT, the official worldwide Japanese-Language Proficiency Test #####. This is an elective, intermediate level course designed for students who have successfully completed at least Beginning Japanese II (JAPN 112). Meets World Language Requirement.

JAPN 208 Reading in Japanese (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 112. Reading in Japanese is an intermediate language course. A wide range of reading material will be selected. The course is designed to strengthen and elevate students' Japanese skills, as well as develop a deeper understanding of Japan through the reading of works by Japanese writers and also texts designed specifically to build skills. Topics covered may include, but are not limited to, Japanese folk tales, travel, cuisine, and Japanese news.

JAPN 209 Gender and Social Status in the Japanese Language through Manga and Short Stories (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 112. This course is an intermediate language course. Its main objective is to introduce students to the gender and status differences existing in Japanese language and society through manga, short stories, and exercises. The course will introduce complex Japanese verb forms, particles and other linguistic challenges in order to build a stronger foundation. The immersion experience will also encourage students to enjoy Japanese culture and society.

JAPN 251 Advanced Japanese I (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 132 or departmental approval. This course is designed for students who have completed Intermediate Japanese II at Montclair State University (MSU) or students who have been placed at this level at MSU. The material for this course comes more from printed than from audiovisual media, although the latter is also included. The course incorporates substantially more vocabulary and Kanji characters than the previous two intermediate levels. Through the study of representative authentic works that highlight different aspects of Japanese culture, the accompanying tasks and activities emphasize reading and writing. However, since it is still a proficiency based course, listening and speaking are integrated, and activities are included which aim at improving these skills as well. Equivalent course JAPN 151 effective through Winter 2021.

JAPN 252 Advanced Japanese II (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 251 or departmental approval. This course is designed for students who have completed Advanced Japanese I at Montclair State University (MSU) or students who have been placed at this level by the department. The course is a continuation of Advanced Japanese I in that the material comes from printed rather than audiovisual media and is characterized by longer lists of vocabulary, Kanji and authentic texts that highlight aspects of Japanese culture. Although there is more emphasis on the written skills, listening and speaking are still adequately integrated in a manner that accomplishes advanced language proficiency. Equivalent course JAPN 152 effective through Winter 2021.

JAPN 301 Advanced Japanese III (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 207. This course is designed for students who have completed at least Advanced Japanese II at Montclair State University or students who have been placed at this level by the department. It aims to help students advance all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) through real-life texts and authentic sample dialogues. Reading comprehension, spoken fluency, and composition will be emphasized. A variety of topics in the Japanese language and advanced vocabulary and kanji will be covered. This course will enhance students' understanding of Japanese culture and society, and develops their cross-cultural awareness and analytic skills by comparing and/or making connections to their own. Taught in Japanese.

JAPN 375 Japanese Study Abroad (3-9 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval. This course is designed to give teachers and students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the historical, social, economic, and cultural life of Japan. This aim will be achieved through visits to various representative sites, tours, and lectures.

JAPN 401 Advanced Japanese IV (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JAPN 301 or departmental approval. This course is designed for students who have completed Advanced Japanese III at Montclair State University or students who have been placed at this level by the department. It aims to master the four language skills (speaking, reading, writing, and listening) and deepen students' understanding of Japanese culture and society. The course incorporates substantially more advanced vocabulary and Kanji characters than the previous advanced levels. Through the study of representative authentic works that highlight various aspects of Japanese culture, the accompanying tasks and activities will enhance reading and writing proficiency, listening comprehension skills, and spoken fluency. Taught in Japanese.