DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
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The Department of Asian Languages and Literatures’ goal is to provide the best possible instruction for Asian languages and literatures and to increase the understanding and the ability to function in that world. The department’s Chinese and Japanese language and literature classes as well as Arabic language classes will provide students with the means to read, write, speak, and understand these major languages of Asia, and give students knowledge and appreciation of the rich literary heritage of Asian civilizations. The Chinese Language Program and the Japanese Language Program currently offer Chinese and Japanese majors and minors.

MAJORS

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE MAJORS

Chinese B.A.
Japanese B.A.

MINORS

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MINORS

Chinese
Japanese

Arabic Courses

ARBC 001. Elementary Arabic I. 4 Credits.
The development of initial reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills in Modern Standard Arabic. Attention will be given to the mastering of the Arabic alphabet.

ARBC 002. Elementary Arabic II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of ARBC 001. Students are expected to continue mastering skills in reading, listening, speaking, and writing. Prerequisite: ARBC 001.

ARBC 051. Intermediate Arabic I. 4 Credits.
Students will continue to learn grammatical structures and improve their Arabic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Prerequisite: ARBC 002.

ARBC 052. Intermediate Arabic II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of ARBC 051. Students will continue to develop their communicative skills. Prerequisite: ARBC 051.

ARBC 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 092. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 292. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ARBC 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ARBC 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.
ARBC 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Chinese Courses

CHIN 001. Elementary Chinese I. 4 Credits.
A study of Mandarin Chinese designed to give students the fundamentals of the sound and writing systems for developing modern Chinese communicative skills. No prior knowledge expected.

CHIN 002. Elementary Chinese II. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 001 designed to give students basic Chinese grammar and vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 001 or equivalent.

CHIN 020. Chinese Characters. 1 Credit.
Understand the Chinese writing system and learn to recognize and write basic Chinese characters.

CHIN 051. Intermediate Chinese I. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 002 designed to give students more basic Chinese grammar and vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 002 or equivalent.

CHIN 052. Intermediate Chinese II. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 051 designed to help students finish learning basic Chinese grammar and gain more vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 051 or equivalent.

CHIN 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 092. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 101. 3rd Year College Chinese I. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 052 designed with structured readings with emphasis on complex sentence structures, vocabulary expansion, and increased fluency in self-expression. Prerequisite: CHIN 052 or equivalent.

CHIN 102. 3rd Year College Chinese II. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 101 designed with more structured readings with emphasis on complex sentence structures, vocabulary expansion, and increased fluency in self-expression. Prerequisite: CHIN 101 or equivalent.

CHIN 121. 3rd Year Conversation I. 1-3 Credits.
To develop students' communicative skills in Chinese by discussing Chinese texts and similar real-life situations in the United States. Prerequisite: CHIN 052.

CHIN 122. 3rd Year Conversation II. 1-3 Credits.
Continuation of CHIN 121. Continues to develop students' communicative skills in Chinese by discussing Chinese texts and similar real-life situations in the United States. Prerequisite: CHIN 121.

CHIN 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 191. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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CHIN 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 197. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

CHIN 201. 4th Year College Chinese I. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 102 designed to improve oral and written proficiency through reading, discussing, and writing about modern Chinese prose writings. Prerequisites: CHIN 102 or equivalent.

CHIN 202. 4th Year College Chinese II. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 201 designed to improve oral and written proficiency through reading, discussing, and writing about more modern Chinese prose writings. Prerequisites: CHIN 201 or equivalent.

CHIN 251. Adv Reading & Writing I. 3 Credits.
To improve reading comprehension and writing skills by learning rhetoric and enlarging vocabulary through reading and discussing literary works by modern Chinese writers. Prerequisite: CHIN 202.
JAPN 051. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 002 designed to enable the students to converse in everyday Japanese and to read and write basic texts. Prerequisite: JAPN 002 or equivalent.

JAPN 052. Intermediate Japanese II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 002 designed to enable the students to converse in everyday Japanese and to read and write basic texts. Prerequisite: JAPN 002 or equivalent.

JAPN 101. Advanced Japanese I. 3 Credits.
Further development of oral proficiency and advanced study of grammatical structure of modern Japanese, supplemented by audiovisual materials and authentic written texts of several kinds. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 102. Advanced Japanese II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 101. Prerequisite: JAPN 101 or equivalent.

JAPN 104. Advanced Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 105. Internship. 1-5 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 106. Introductory Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 107. Independent Study. 1-5 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 108. Undergraduate Research. 1-5 Credits.
Undergraduate student research on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 121. Japanese Conversation I. 1-3 Credits.
Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete topics through total immersion in Japanese. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 122. Japanese Conversation II. 1-3 Credits.
Development of functional skills to carry out daily conversation in varied social contexts. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 131. Kanji is Key I. 3 Credits.
A kanji character course designed for teaching 500-600 kanji characters in JLPT Levels 3-2 (N3-N2) and also reinforcing 300 kanji introduced in JAPN 001/002. Teaches basic pictographs and radicals to predict meanings and readings of kanji characters. Prerequisite: JAPN 052.

JAPN 132. Kanji is Key II. 3 Credits.
Kanji character course designed for teaching 500-600 kanji characters in JLPT Levels 3-2 (N3-N2) and also reviewing 300 kanji introduced in JAPN 051/052. Teaches basic pictographs and radicals to predict meanings and readings of kanji characters. Prerequisite: JAPN 131.

JAPN 190. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 191. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for special titles.

CHIN 291. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 292. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Japanese Courses

JAPN 001. Elementary Japanese I. 0 or 4 Credits.
Introduction to spoken and written Japanese through aural-oral drills and grammar presentation. The three writing systems of Japanese (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) are introduced. No prior knowledge expected.

JAPN 002. Elementary Japanese II. 0 or 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 001. Prerequisite: JAPN 001 or equivalent.

JAPN 010. Japanese-Daily Communication. 3 Credits.
Introductory level course on speaking everyday Japanese. Emphasis on solid understanding and accurate use of grammar patterns in a culturally appropriate context and conversational situations. No prior knowledge expected.

JAPN 051. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 002 designed to enable the students to converse in everyday Japanese and to read and write basic texts. Prerequisite: JAPN 002 or equivalent.

JAPN 052. Intermediate Japanese II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 051. Prerequisite: JAPN 051 or equivalent.

JAPN 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

JAPN 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

JAPN 097. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 101. Advanced Japanese I. 3 Credits.
Further development of oral proficiency and advanced study of grammatical structure of modern Japanese, supplemented by audiovisual materials and authentic written texts of several kinds. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 102. Advanced Japanese II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 101. Prerequisite: JAPN 101 or equivalent.

JAPN 121. Japanese Conversation I. 1-3 Credits.
Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete topics through total immersion in Japanese. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 122. Japanese Conversation II. 1-3 Credits.
Development of functional skills to carry out daily conversation in varied social contexts. Prerequisite: JAPN 052 or equivalent.

JAPN 131. Kanji is Key I. 3 Credits.
A kanji character course designed for teaching 500-600 kanji characters in JLPT Levels 3-2 (N3-N2) and also reinforcing 300 kanji introduced in JAPN 001/002. Teaches basic pictographs and radicals to predict meanings and readings of kanji characters. Prerequisite: JAPN 052.

JAPN 132. Kanji is Key II. 3 Credits.
Kanji character course designed for teaching 500-600 kanji characters in JLPT Levels 3-2 (N3-N2) and also reviewing 300 kanji introduced in JAPN 051/052. Teaches basic pictographs and radicals to predict meanings and readings of kanji characters. Prerequisite: JAPN 131.

JAPN 190. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 191. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for special titles.
JAPN 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

JAPN 197. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 201. Studies of Japanese Texts I. 3 Credits.
Introduction to rapid reading skills, directed reading of authentic texts and guided practice of conversational skills in multiple social contexts. Course can be repeated with different content. Prerequisite: JAPN 102 or equivalent.

JAPN 202. Studies of Japanese Texts II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 201. Application of the rapid reading skills developed in JAPN 201 using higher-level reading materials. Course can be repeated with different content. Prerequisite: JAPN 201 or equivalent.

JAPN 221. Japanese for Communication I. 1-6 Credits.
Training in skills to communicate on concrete and abstract topics. Repeatable with different content. Prerequisite: JAPN 102 or equivalent.

JAPN 222. Japanese for Communication II. 1-6 Credits.
Development of skills to present information and viewpoints in varied social contexts. Repeatable with different content. Prerequisite: JAPN 102 or equivalent.

JAPN 251. Japanese in Cultural Context I. 3 Credits.
Continuing study of Japanese at the advanced level. Utilizes various genres of readings and audiovisual materials. Students will conduct independent research on a Japan related topic of their interests. Prerequisite: JAPN 202 or one year of study in Japan.

JAPN 252. Japanese in Cultural Context 2. 3 Credits.
Continuing study of Japanese at the advanced level. Utilizes various genres of readings and audiovisual materials. Students will conduct independent research, write a report, and present in Japanese. Prerequisite: JAPN 251.

JAPN 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 291. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.