

JAPANESE (JAPAN)

Japanese Courses

JAPAN 100 Introduction to Japanese Literature

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Survey of Japanese literature from the Heian Period to the present day.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Humanities and Arts

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 101 First Semester Japanese

5 cr. Undergraduate.

Beginning Japanese for students with no previous knowledge of the language.

Prerequisites: none.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 102 Second Semester Japanese

5 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 101.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 101(P) or equivalent.

Course Rules: Generates L&S credit for demonstrated equivalent preparation (4 retro cr).

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 110 Japanese Popular Culture

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Elements of popular culture that have come to define modern-day Japan. In English.

Prerequisites: none.

Last Taught: Spring 2021, Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2011.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 111 Elementary Japanese I

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Non-intensive Japanese language course for students who have no prior Japanese.

Prerequisites: none.

Last Taught: Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 112 Elementary Japanese II

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Non-intensive Japanese language course for students who have completed JAPAN 111.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 111(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 113 Elementary Japanese III

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Non-intensive Japanese language course for students who have completed JAPAN 112.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 112(P).

Course Rules: JAPAN 113 is equivalent to JAPAN 102.

Last Taught: Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 192 First-Year Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific humanities topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 197 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enable students studying language abroad to receive course credit at appropriate level.

Prerequisites: acceptance in Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 199 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Independent work under supervision of faculty or academic staff member. For further information, consult dept chair.

Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA; consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 201 Third-Semester Japanese

5 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 102, with some emphasis on the practice of Japanese writing.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 102(P) or equivalent.

Course Rules: Generates L&S credit for demonstrated equivalent preparation (8 retro cr).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 202 Fourth-Semester Japanese

5 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 201, with some emphasis on the practice of Japanese writing.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 201(P) or equivalent.

Course Rules: Generates L&S credit for demonstrated equivalent preparation (12 retro cr).

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 221 Japanese Film: Themes and Methods

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Major films representing milestones in Japanese film history, from the 1930s to the turn of the twenty-first century.

Prerequisites: none.

Last Taught: Spring 2020, Spring 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 289 Internship in Japanese, Lower Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of Japanese in business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: 2.50 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.**Course Rules:** One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hrs in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.**Last Taught:** Summer 2025.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 296 UROP Apprenticeship**

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Undergraduate research participation in a project developed with a supervising member of the faculty or staff.

Prerequisites: acceptance to UROP; prior or conc reg in UROP seminar.**Course Rules:** One cr for 45 hrs research. May be retaken to 9 cr max in any combination of UROP apprenticeship courses. Not open to jrs & srs.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 297 Study Abroad:**

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Program.**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 299 Ad Hoc:**

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period.

Requires department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: none; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic.**Last Taught:** Fall 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 301 Fifth Semester Japanese**

4 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 202.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 202(P) or equivalent.**Course Rules:** Generates L&S credit for demonstrated equivalent preparation (16 retro cr).**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 302 Sixth Semester Japanese**

4 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 301.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 301(P) or equivalent.**Course Rules:** Generates L&S credit for demonstrated equivalent preparation (16 retro cr).**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 310 Enhanced Knowledge & Skills for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Preparation for levels N2 and N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Exam.

Prerequisites: May be retaken to 12 credits max. Generates L&S credits for demonstrated equivalent preparation (16 retro credits). Prereq;

JAPAN 202(P) or equivalent.

Last Taught: Fall 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 312 Japanese Conversation II**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Training in advanced Japanese conversation skills for a wide variety of social settings.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 201(P).**Last Taught:** Spring 2021, Spring 2019.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 314 Japanese Immersion**

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Concentrated, structured practice of spoken Japanese on varied contemporary topics; small-group setting with native speakers, simulates immersion experience. Build vocabulary, improve communication skills.

May be offered in short-term sessions.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 101(P).**Course Rules:** Repeatable to 3 cr max.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 331 Reading Japanese Short Stories**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to Japanese short stories to improve reading skills, vocabulary, and understanding of Japanese culture.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 202(P).**Course Rules:** Generates L&S credits for demonstrated equivalent preparation (14 retro crs).**Last Taught:** Fall 2024, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 332 Extensive Reading in Japanese**

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Reading practice utilizing easy readers, children's books, manga, and novels. Counts as repeat of JAPAN 299 with similar topic. May be retaken with change in topic to 3 cr max.

Prerequisites: junior standing and JAPAN 101(P).**Last Taught:** Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JAPAN 351 Japanese Performance Traditions**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Japanese performance of drama and comedy from noh and kabuki to modern performance.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 352 Japanese Performance Traditions: Readings

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Readings in Japanese performance texts from medieval noh scripts to modern Japanese theater.

Prerequisites: junior standing; JAPAN 351(C); and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or consent of instructor.

Last Taught: Spring 2018, Spring 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 355 Seminar in Japanese Literature and Culture:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Readings and discussion in English on selected topics in Japanese literature and culture.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

Course Rules: May be retaken to a max of 9 cr.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 356 Seminar in Japanese Literature: Readings

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Readings of Japanese literature in Japanese, offered as an optional lab to JAPAN 355.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 301(C) or consent of instructor.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 361 Translating Japanese Media

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Development of the vocabulary, grammar knowledge, translating skills, and cultural sensitivities necessary to produce viable translations.

Prerequisites: JAPAN 202(P).

Course Rules: Generates L&S credits for demonstrated equivalent preparation (14 retro crs).

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 370 Fun Kanji

2 cr. Undergraduate.

Extensive practice in use of kanji, in order to enhance students' ability to read Japanese materials fluently.

Prerequisites: junior standing and JAPAN 101(P).

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of JAPAN 299 with similar topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2019, Spring 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 397 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before coursework level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program coursework.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 401 Seventh Semester Japanese

4 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 302.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 302(P) or equivalent.

Course Rules: Generates L&S credits for demonstrated equivalent preparation (16 retro crs).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 402 Eighth Semester Japanese

4 cr. Undergraduate.

Continuation of JAPAN 401.

Prerequisites: grade of C- or better in JAPAN 401(P).

Course Rules: Generates L&S credits for demonstrated equivalent preparation (16 retro crs).

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 416 Introduction to Translation: Japanese to English

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Basic skills for translating texts from Japanese to English; focus on articles and documents encountered in business, banking, legal, medical, and academic contexts.

Prerequisites: junior standing; grade of B or better in 300-level or above Japanese language course.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 489 Internship in Japanese, Upper Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of Japanese in business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: junior standing, 2.50 GPA, and consent of supervising faculty member.

Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hrs in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2021, Spring 2015, Fall 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 497 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 499 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period.

Requires department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: junior standing; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2016, Spring 2013, Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 500 Research and Research Writing in Japanese

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Capstone course for Japanese major. Students conduct research in Japanese and produce a thesis and presentation based on that research.

Prerequisites: grade of B- or better in JAPAN 401(P); pass level N3 of Japanese Language Proficiency Test; or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: Not open to students who have completed Japanese capstone req under FLL 499 or JAPAN 699.

Last Taught: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 597 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enable students studying language abroad to receive course credit at appropriate level.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance in Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 597G Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enable students studying language abroad to receive course credit at appropriate level.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance in Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 697 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enable students studying language abroad to receive course credit at appropriate level.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance in Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 697G Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Designed to enable students studying language abroad to receive course credit at appropriate level.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance in Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JAPAN 699 Advanced Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced level independent work under the supervision of a Japanese faculty or academic staff member.

Prerequisites: junior standing, 2.0 GPA, and consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Summer 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>