INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Japanese Language major trains students on the humanistic investigation of major East Asian traditions through a curriculum that focuses on the modern and classical forms of the language; reading works in their historical and cultural contexts; and introducing students to the vast array of artistic, literary and philosophical traditions of East Asia and their transformations in modernity.

UC Berkeley is a world-renowned center for the study of East Asian Humanities. Whether you want to master Japanese, immerse yourself in the literary traditions of East Asia, absorb the profound insights of its philosophical and historical texts, or come to a deeper understanding of the modern and contemporary visuals and sonic media cultures of this complex and vital region, the East Asian Language and Cultures program has something for you.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• If you are interested in the language or culture but choose not to major in Japanese, ask about our minors in Buddhist Studies, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan.
• If you are interested in the Japanese language and wish to focus on Japanese religion and philosophy, consider the East Asian Religion, Thought and Culture major.

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## Bachelor of Arts

### Design Your Journey

#### First Year
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with the major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10.
- Take the Japanese language placement exam.

#### Connect and Build Community
- Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Check out the Berkeley Language Center.
- Attend a Center for Japanese Studies event.

#### Discover Your Passions
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the collections of Berkeley's C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

#### Engage Locally and Globally
- Get involved with Words in Action hosted by Berkeley Language Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Visit the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.
- Apply for a Pan Pacific Foundation Japan homestay.

#### Reflect and Plan Your Future
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

#### Second Year
- Complete the lower division prerequisite Japanese language and literature courses and declare the major.
- Complete the lower division Japanese language and literature requirements.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

#### Third Year
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.
- Focus on upper division Japanese Language and Literature and elective course requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the honors program.

#### Fourth Year
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

### WHAT CAN I DO

#### Jobs and Employers
- Behavioral Therapist, THC
- Career in Corporate Environment
- English Teacher
- Import/Export Business
- Media Analyst, Lifesettle
- Other, Facebook

#### Graduate Programs
- Asian Studies, MA
- Buddhist Studies, PhD
- Business, MBA
- Computer Engineering, Masters
- Foreign Languages, Masters
- Foreign Languages & Literatures, Masters
- Japanese Language & Literature, PhD
- Law, JD

#### Updates
- Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.