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.

EALC not only nurtures me into a young scholar but also a more complete person.

– Yisheng Tang, EALC graduate
JAPANESE LANGUAGE
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.

SECOND YEAR
- Complete the lower division prerequisite Japanese language and literature courses and declare the major.
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- 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 WITH MY MAJOR?

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

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