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## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [ealc.berkeley.edu](https://ealc.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Students can sign up for appointments with an advisor by visiting [calendly.com/ealc\\_advising](https://calendly.com/ealc_advising). Email questions to [ealc-advising@berkeley.edu](mailto:ealc-advising@berkeley.edu).

### Advising Appointment Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

For general information about the major, visit [ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate](https://ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate).

# JAPANESE LANGUAGE

Bachelor of Arts

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## 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.



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

– Yisheng Tang, EALC graduate

## 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.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in Japanese culture with the **Pan Pacific Foundation Homestay Program in Japan**.
- Publish your work in the **Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies**.
- Get international work experience with a **Berkeley Global Internship** in Tokyo.
- Visit the **Institute of East Asian Studies**, the **C.V. Starr East Asian Library**, and other **Friends+Partners** of EALC.

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## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Explore your major	<p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with the <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in <b>L&amp;S 1</b> and <b>HUM 10</b>.</p> <p>Take the <b>Japanese language placement exam</b>.</p>	<p>Complete the <b>lower division prerequisite</b> Japanese language and literature courses and <b>declare the major</b>.</p> <p>Complete the <b>lower division</b> Japanese language and literature requirements.</p> <p>Review the major guidelines for <b>study abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Review your degree progress with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisors</b>.</p> <p>Focus on <b>upper division</b> Japanese Language and Literature and elective course requirements.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about the <b>honors program</b>.</p>	<p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>	<p><b>Jobs and Employers</b></p> <p>Behavioral Therapist, THC</p> <p>Career in Corporate Environment</p> <p>English Teacher</p> <p>Import/Export Business</p> <p>Media Analyst, Lifestreet</p> <p>Other, Facebook</p> <p><b>Graduate Programs</b></p> <p>Asian Studies, MA</p> <p>Buddhist Studies, PhD</p> <p>Business, MBA</p> <p>Computer Engineering, Masters</p> <p>Foreign Languages, Masters</p> <p>Foreign Languages &amp; Literatures, Masters</p> <p>Japanese Language &amp; Literature, PhD</p> <p>Law, JD</p>
Connect and build community	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b> and <b>L&amp;S Mentors Program</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Berkeley Language Center</b>.</p> <p>Attend a <b>Center for Japanese Studies event</b>.</p>	<p>Join student groups like the <b>Cal Japan Club</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Institute of East Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Practice your language skills in the <b>SLC Language Exchange Program</b>.</p>	<p>Browse the <b>Friends + Partners</b> research institutes associated with EALC.</p> <p>Consider becoming a <b>Golden Bear Orientation Leader</b> and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.</p>	<p>Get support for your thesis project in the <b>Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> or student-run <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships</b>.</p> <p>Explore the collections of Berkeley’s <b>C.V. Starr East Asian Library</b>.</p>	<p>Continue exploring with a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b>.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b>.</p>	<p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in <b>HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All</b>.</p> <p>Find research and funding opportunities in the <b>OURS database</b>.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program</b> or <b>SURF</b>.</p>	<p>Teach your own <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Undertake an optional <b>honors thesis</b> or independent study.</p> <p>Publish your work in the <b>Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Get involved with Words in Action hosted by <b>Berkeley Language Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Asian Art Museum</b> in San Francisco.</p> <p>Apply for a Pan Pacific Foundation <b>Japan homestay</b>.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore the <b>Oakland Asian Cultural Center</b>.</p> <p>Apply to the <b>Boren</b> or <b>Critical Language Scholarship</b> in Japanese language.</p>	<p>Explore East Asian cultures in the <b>Bay Area</b>.</p> <p>Apply to become a <b>language tutor</b> within the department.</p> <p>Serve as a summer camp counselor in Japan with <b>TOKIHA</b>.</p> <p>Get international work experience with a <b>Berkeley Global Internship</b> in Tokyo.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as the <b>JET Program, Peace Corps, Teach for America</b>, or <b>U.S. Department of State</b>.</p> <p>Apply for a <b>scholarship</b> to the <b>Japan America Student Conference</b>.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a <b>Handshake</b> account and sign up for <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b>.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Shadow alumni during a winter <b>externship</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p>	<p>Learn about <b>career fields</b> and conduct <b>informational interviews</b> with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b>.</p>	<p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	<p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>