Japanese Studies Minor

Banner Code: JPNS

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Website: mcl.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-mcl-jpns/requirements

The minor enables students to advance their Japanese language skills and develop a sound understanding of Japanese culture and history from a global perspective.

Admissions & Policies

Policies
Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. Special topics courses, when relevant, may be applied to the minor with prior written approval of the director. Students who wish to declare this minor need to obtain the signature of the director.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements
Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students must select an emphasis in either the study of Japanese language or the history and culture of Japan.

Language Emphasis

Code Title Credits
JAPA 330 Advanced Reading and Speaking I 3
JAPA 331 Advanced Reading and Speaking II 3
JAPA 350 Readings in Japanese Culture 3
JAPA 440 Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society I 3
JAPA 441 Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society II 3

Japanese and Japan-Related History

Select one course from the following: 3
HIST 251 Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 252 Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 356 Modern Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 357 Postwar Japan (Mason Core)

Japanese Language

Select two courses from the following: 6
JAPA 330 Advanced Reading and Speaking I
JAPA 331 Advanced Reading and Speaking II
JAPA 350 Readings in Japanese Culture
JAPA 440 Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society I
JAPA 441 Integrated Study of Japanese Language and Society II

Japanese and Japan-Related History

Select two courses from the following: 6
HIST 251 Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 252 Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 356 Modern Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 357 Postwar Japan (Mason Core)
ARTH 385 Arts of Japan (Mason Core)

Electives

Select two courses from the following: 6
JAPA 240 Introduction to Japanese Culture
JAPA 310 Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)
JAPA 320 Japanese Cinema
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