

# JAPANESE

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Courses and programs in Japanese are offered by the Department of Languages and Cultures.

1. Enrollment in some language courses involves the following formal placement procedures.

All students seeking entry into language courses who have not previously taken a language course at Saint Mary's University must complete and return the Language Profile Form to the Department of Languages and Cultures.

Based on the information provided in the Language Profile Form, students may receive notification from the Department to appear for an oral interview and/or a written placement test at a designated time.

The Department of Languages and Cultures determines the appropriate course placement for each student

- a. Permission to register or remain in a particular language course can be refused if the Department judges that the student's knowledge exceeds the level for that course.
  - b. Native speakers are not eligible to receive advanced credit for language courses.
  - c. Completion of Advanced Standing (transfer) courses does not exempt a student from taking the placement test.
2. In order to ensure the academic integrity in language courses, especially at the lower levels of instruction, the Department of Languages and Cultures does not allow native or near-native speakers of a particular target language to enroll in courses at the 2000 level or lower.

Students who misrepresent their knowledge of any given language by providing inaccurate or incomplete information about their linguistic educational history will be subject to disciplinary action as laid out in Academic Regulation 18 (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/academic-regulations/regulations/advanced-standing/>).

3. The Department of Languages and Cultures supports a policy of regular class attendance by students. Frequent, unexplained absences from class will result in a lowering of the final grade in a manner to be determined by each faculty member.

## Program

The Certificate of Japanese Studies requires a formal application for admission. Students minoring in Japanese Studies at Saint Mary's University are not eligible for this certificate.

A student of the program must complete at least eighteen (18) credit hours at Saint Mary's University. Relevant academic courses, work experience and linguistic capability may be considered for credit recognition. Applicants should submit a resume of relevant work

experience, official university transcripts and any other relevant documentation.

## Requirements for Graduation

Students are encouraged to complete the program within five years. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in the Certificate of Japanese Studies is required. Students who have completed all the courses without being officially admitted to the program will not be accredited.

### Certificate of Japanese Studies (Cert. J.S.)

This certificate program in Japanese Studies is designed to provide linguistic, cultural and practical knowledge to persons interested in studying about or working in Japan. The program consists of twenty-four (24) credit hours. It is intended for undergraduate students, persons already holding degrees in any discipline, and mature students with relevant work experience.

### Program Courses

This program consists of twelve (12) required credit hours and a number of optional credit hours. All students are required to take:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JPNS 1100	Introductory Japanese	6
JPNS 2200	Intermediate Japanese	6
Select 12 other credits in at least two different disciplines taken of the following:		12
ANTH 2326	Contemporary East Asia	
ANTH 2327	Japanese Society	
ASNT 1106	Introduction to Japanese Culture	
ASNT 3300	Multidisciplinary Study Asia	
ASNT 3302	Japanese Film and Literature	
ASNT 2303	Contemporary Japan: Institutions and Culture	
HIST 1222	Introduction to East Asian History	
HIST 3384	Japan before 1800 (formerly HIST 2354)	
HIST 3385	Late Tokugawa and Imperial Japan: 1800-1945 (formerly HIST 2355)	
HIST 3386	Japan since 1945 (formerly HIST 2356)	
JPNS 3300	Advanced Oral and Written Japanese I	
JPNS 3303	Advanced Japanese	
JPNS 3777	Japanese Aesthetics of Summer and Autumn	
JPNS 3778	Japanese Aesthetics of Winter and Spring	
JPNS 3826	Special Topics in Japanese Language and Culture	
RELS 2327	Introduction to Buddhism	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

At least twelve (12) credit hours must be at the 2000 level or above. Detailed descriptions are found under Departmental listing. Not all courses will be offered each year.