JAPANESE (JPAN)

JPAN 001 Introduction to Spoken Japanese I
Intended for students who have no Japanese background. The major emphasis is on oral communication skills, although some reading and writing instructions are given. Japanese pop-culture will also be incorporated.
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: See LPS Course Guide. **This course does not fulfill the language requirement in the College.

JPAN 002 Introduction to Spoken Japanese II
Although some reading/writing instruction is given, the major emphasis is on oral communication skill.
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 001 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: See LPS Course Guide. **This course does not fulfill the language requirement in the College.

JPAN 011 Beginning Japanese I
Intended for students who have no Japanese background. All four skills, speaking/listening/writing/reading, are equally emphasized. Hiragana/Katakana (Two sets of Japanese syllabic letters) and some Chinese characters (Kanji) are introduced. Textbooks: Genki I (Lesson 1- Lesson 7). Kanji: reproduction-approx.70/recognition-approx.110
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: None
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 012 Beginning Japanese II
Textbooks: Genki I (Lesson 8- Lesson 12) and Genki II (Lesson 13- Lesson 14) Kanji: reproduction-approx.170/recognition-approx.250
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 011 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 021 Intensive Beginning Japanese I
Intended for students with little or no background in Japanese who wish to finish the language requirement in one year. (Equivalent to JPAN 011 + JPAN 012)
Textbooks: Yookoso I and Basic Kanji Book I (L.1-L.10) Kanji: reproduction-approx.110/recognition-approx.200
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
2 Course Units

JPAN 022 Intensive Beginning Japanese II
This course is the equivalent to JPAN 111 + JPAN 112, and completes the College language requirement. Textbooks: Yookoso II and Basic kanji book I (L.11 - L.22) Kanji: reproduction-approx.250/recognition-approx 350
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: completion of JPAN 021, 012 or the equivalent
Activity: Lecture
2 Course Units

JPAN 111 Beginning Japanese III
This course is a continuation of JPAN 012 and focuses on the development of the elementary grammatical structures of the Japanese language through aural-oral practices. The course also aims to develop the four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The course also introduces aspects of Japanese culture and customs, knowledge that is necessary for behaving in a socio-culturally appropriate manner. Students will learn and practice skills to communicate in situations they might face in real life. Example topics and functions are travel, part-time job, work, asking for favors, asking permission, stating your intention/opinion, reporting what you heard, and various speech styles including Keigo (respectful speech). Textbooks: Genki II (Lesson 15- Lesson 21) will be covered, and around 100 new Kanji will be introduced. Overall kanji knowledge will be 286.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 012, 021 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 112 Beginning Japanese IV
This course completes the College language requirement. Textbooks: Yookoso II (Chapt. 4 - Chapt. 7) & Basic Kanji Book I (L.17-L.22) Kanji: reproduction-approx250/recognition-approx.350
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 111 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 211 Intermediate Japanese I
A continuation of Japanese language beyond the language requirement. Textbooks: Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese (Unit 1-Unit 5) Kanji: reproduction-approx.330/recognition-approx.450
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 112 or JPAN 022 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 212 Intermediate Japanese II
PREREQUISITES Completion of JPAN 211 or the equivalent. A continuation of Japanese language at the intermediate level. Textbooks: Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese (Unit 6-Unit 10) Kanji: reproduction-approx.400/recognition-approx.550
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 211 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 311 Intermediate Japanese III
This course is a continuation of Japanese language at the upper intermediate level, and authentic reading/listening materials are introduced besides the textbooks. Textbooks: Tobira: Gateway to Advanced Japanese (Unit 11-Unit 15) Kanji: reproduction-approx. 470/ recognition-approx.650
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Takami
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 212 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
JPAN 312 Intermediate Japanese IV
Authentic materials and video clips will be used. The topics include culture and social issues in Japan. Selected video materials.
Kanji: reproduction-approx. 550/recognize-approx. 750
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Takami
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 311 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 381 Japanese for the Professions
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Takami
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 212 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center.

JPAN 481 Advanced Japanese for Proficiency I
This course is for students with an advanced background in Japanese, who are interested in taking at least the Level 2 Japanese Proficiency Test. Solid grammar, an extensive vocabulary, and the knowledge of at least 800-900 Chinese characters is required. This course is not continuous with any existing 300-level Japanese course; therefore, your grade from a 300-level course does not qualify you to take this course. Eligibility will be determined through an interview and placement test taken in the first meeting. All students who take this course are required to take the Japanese Proficiency Test in December. Since the JLPT is administered in December every year, if you wish to fully prepare for the test, the instructor strongly recommends that you take JPAN 482 first in the spring of the same year. For example, if you plan to take the test in December, 2010, start taking 482 in the spring 2010 and take 481 in the fall 2010. Different from other courses, this full-year course begins in the spring and ends in the fall, because the test is given in December. However, participation in 482 is optional.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of the JPAN 312 or 382 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center.

JPAN 482 Advanced Japanese for Proficiency II
This course is for students with an advanced-low or advanced-mid background in Japanese, aiming to strengthen the four language skills (speaking, reading, writing, and listening) and to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture. The class will use authentic Japanese through media, such as newspapers, television, and articles, regarding Japanese culture and society as well as current news. Students will narrate, describe, and express their opinions with details, examples, and strong reasoning, using sophisticated terms and phrases related such topics.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Offered through the Penn Language Center.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 411 Advanced Japanese I
Minimum 600 - 700 kanji knowledge is expected. A continuation of Japanese language beyond the intermediate level.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 312, 382 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 412 Advanced Japanese II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 411 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 511 Readings in Advanced Japanese
Readings in advanced literary and journalistic texts written in modern Japanese.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 412 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 491 Readings in Classical Japanese I
Readings in classical texts drawn from the Heian, Kamakura, Muromachi, and Edo periods. Introduction to the different styles of classical Japanese, and to classical Japanese as a whole.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Chance, L.
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 212 or equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
JPAN 512 Readings Advanced Japanese II
Readings in advanced literary and journalistic texts written in modern Japanese.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: Completion of JPAN 511 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

JPAN 515 Japanese-English Translation
In this course, students learn basic techniques and skills in translation through hands-on practices. Depending on the interests of enrolled students, both literary and non-literary texts are drawn from a wide range of fields, including popular culture (e.g. manga, animation, film, game, music, and short story), religion, law, and medicine. As students read papers pertinent to principles and problems of translation from Japanese to English, they acquire practical experience in translation tasks and approaches, learn cultural and communicative differences between Japanese and English, and familiarize themselves with ethics and resources.
Taught by: Nishimura
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: COMPLETION OF JPAN 412 or the equivalent.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit