



MASTER OF ARTS IN ASIAN STUDIES, MAJOR IN JAPANESE STUDIES

The Master of Arts in Asian Studies, major in Japan Studies program offers full-time and part-time masters programs to students. The program is offered to scholars, educators and to those who wish to gain a career in business, international organizations, government as well as cultural and think tank organizations. With its design, the program also intends to foster a general interest in Asia and Japan. The program shall encourage graduate students to learn and speak Japanese language as part of their basic training.

This program is a flexible one with the end goal of producing students with a proficiency and knowledge of Asia and Japan. It suggests three tracks. The first track is humanities. Students under this track study creative arts, literature and philosophy. The second track is social science. This track is offered to students with a career toward the foreign service, business, research, and the academe. Subjects under social science include economics, politics, international relations, business, and international law. The third track allows students flexibility in their choice of subjects. This is called the generalist track. Accordingly, students may choose subjects in both the humanities and social sciences.

Knowledge of Japanese language is essential in the Master of Arts in Asian Studies, major in Japan Studies program. In order to receive a master's degree, students should pass at least Level 2 of the Japanese Proficiency Test.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Common Required Courses	9 units
Major Courses	12 units
Elective Courses	9 units
Thesis	6 units
Total	36 units

COMMON REQUIRED COURSES

East Asian Civilization and Society (JPN541M)

3 units

This course gives students a broad exposure to and solid grounding in the various approaches to the study of Asian's history, society, and culture focusing on Japan. Providing a common framework for all students in the program, the course is interdisciplinary in content so that it can be relevant to students with different interests.

Southeast Asia and Japan (JPN542M)

3 units

This course examines Japan's economic relations with the countries of the Southeast Asian Region. Major topic areas will include trade, foreign investment, economic aid, technology transfer and regional economic cooperation.

Methods of Research (JPN521M)

3 units

This course is focused on qualitative and quantitative research methods appropriate to the study of international studies. Emphasis is also given to procedure for the documentation of international policies, procedures, and processes.

MAJOR COURSES

HUMANITIES

Contemporary Japanese Literature (JPN619M)

3 units

This course introduces contemporary literary pieces written by Japanese writers and/or novelist such as Mishima, Kawabata, etc.

Folklore and Culture of Japan (JPN640M)

3 units

This course introduces students to folklore and cultural traditions which have influenced and shaped the aesthetics, values, and outlook of Japanese people. Various aspects of Japanese culture since ancient times - literature, art, philosophy, religion and mythology - will be treated in this course.



Japanese Cinema (JPN618M)

3 units

This course examines traditional and contemporary Japanese cinema, identifying social, political, philosophical and technical issues involved in Japanese films and filmmaking.

Religion and Philosophy of Japan (JPN617M)

3 units

This course examines the Japanese outlook as it took shape in interaction with constitutional philosophies from earliest times to the present period. The evolution of Japanese thought as expressed in traditional thinking found in Shintoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and their sub-streams will be discussed.

Japanese Culture and Communication (JPN642M)

3 units

This course examines the dynamics of Japanese society by the application of theories of culture, communication with regard to the media, advertisement, education, intellectual discourses and popular culture. The impact of westernization on modern Japanese society and consciousness will also be discussed.

Art and Culture in Japan (JPN615M)

3 units

This is a seminar course that features the various arts that define and give substance to Japanese culture. It covers discussions about the Japanese tea ceremony, ikebana, bonsai, calligraphy, theater, martial arts, origami, ukiyoe, culinary arts, traditional poetry, etc. and their relevance to society and culture.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Japanese Government and Politics (JPN611M)

3 units

This course on the governmental and political system of Japan will start with the historical and socio-cultural background of the Japanese as a framework of reference prior to studying the various political and governmental institutions in Japan.

International Relations and Japan (JPN614M)

3 units

This course examines Japan's international political and economic relations. It will focus on the emergence of Japan as a global economic power and its impact on the world community. Major topics include: international security and cooperation, international trade, foreign investment, economic and technical assistance, and international organizations.

International Law (JPN613M)

3 units

The course on International Law is a basic requirement for those specializing in area studies. The study of International Law covers treaties, agreements, rules, and principles that govern the relations of nations as well as issues relating to private persons that have dealings with more than one nation. The course also includes classic concepts of law including status, property, obligation, and tort.

Contemporary Japanese Economics and Modern Economic History (JPN630M)

3 units

This course will explore the Japanese contemporary economy and economic policy focusing on the postwar period. It will cover the course and development of Japanese economy, the structure and operation of selected markets in Japan as well as trade and international economic policy. The course will use both micro and macro economic theory to analyze the Japanese economy.

Japanese Sociology and Anthropology (JPN641M)

3 units

While examining the structural bases of Japanese society, this course focuses on the people in order to highlight Japan's family and cultural legacy. Topics such as class system, the family and community will be studied primarily by analyzing perceptions and behavior of the people. This course also covers such as current issues as women, elderly, and youth.

Japan and Philippine Relations (JPN612M)

3 units

This course focuses on selected topics concerning Japan and its relationship with the Philippines - economic, political, social, and international aspects.



ELECTIVE COURSES

Japanese Business Management (JPN653M)

3 units

This course introduces students to the structure and operation of the Japanese management system and the interaction of that system with the international business and economic community. Topics include: the origins and evolution of the system business environment; corporate structure and organization; the management decision making process; employment and personnel practices; corporate finance; investment and marketing strategies; and international business relations.

Japanese History (JPN601M)

3 units

Surveys the history of Japan from the Yamato Era (around second half of the 4th century AD) when the Japanese nation first emerged and until the end of the Tokugawa Shogunate in the 19th century. In midcourse, there will be more emphasis on the internal and external political history of the Meiji Era, Taisho Era, and Showa Era until the outbreak of the WWII.

Modern Japanese Society (JPN602M)

3 units

The course's main objective is to introduce and update students to the various features and issues of modern Japanese society. It focuses its attention on ways of life, daily concerns, and on various aspects of how Japanese live their lives. Some historical reviews are also necessary to show continuity and change in modern Japanese society.

Japan Seminar (JPN800M)

3 units

This is a seminar course that covers various topics about Japanese society, economy, culture, and politics.

Japanese International Studies (JPN603M)

3 units

The course is an introduction to International Studies. It discusses various aspects of international relations, including international political economy. The course puts emphasis on the relations of ASEAN countries and Japan with European and American countries.

Thesis Research Seminar (JPN801M)

3 units

The Japan Thesis seminar is a special course for those who wish to hone skills in thesis preparation. The course also provides an overview of the components of a thesis research proposal.

THESIS

Thesis (JPN851M)

6 units