

The Master of Arts Degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Hawai'i at M-noa

JAPANESE LANGUAGE/LINGUISTICS

Program Scope and Objectives

The M.A. program in Japanese Language/Linguistics is designed to produce Japanese language specialists who are trained in all the fields of Japanese Linguistics (pedagogy, sociolinguistics, pragmatics, historical linguistics, phonology and morphology, and syntax and semantics) with one of the fields as their specialization. The program also provides practical teaching experience for future teachers of Japanese.

Admission Requirements

In addition to approval of admission by the Graduate Division, students must have satisfactory GRE scores (TOEFL scores, minimum of 560, are required of foreign students) and letters of recommendation, and meet the department's standards of competence in Japanese. It is also assumed that the student will have completed coursework equivalent to the B.A. in Japanese at the University of Hawai'i (see General and Graduate Information Catalog or consult advisor). Any deficiency must be cleared before advancement to candidacy.

Course Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the M.A., as follows:

1. JPN 601, JPN602, JPN604, and JPN606, a total of 12 credits.
2. Courses required for the candidate's concentration (at least one of which is JPN730Alpha), totalling 9 credits.
3. A Japanese literature course from the attached list, totalling 3 credits;
4. Electives totalling at least 6 credits for Plan B, or 6 Thesis credits for Plan A.

At least 18 credits (12 credits for Plan A) of concentration and elective courses must be in courses numbered 600 or higher, including a 700-level seminar, and excluding 699V. However, 699V may be applied in individual cases when it has been approved in advance as a substitute for a course numbered 600 or higher.

Diagnostic Evaluation

During the first semester, the student will take a Diagnostic examination to determine the quality of preparation for graduate work at the master's level in the chosen concentration. Only after passing this exam, which includes basic knowledge of the structure of the language and of linguistics equivalent to the courses JPN 370 and LING 320 and clearing any other deficiencies, may the student be advanced to candidacy.

The student may select either Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (non-thesis).

Plan A. Students choosing Plan A must take the same courses as those choosing Plan B, except that 6 credits of EALL 700V will be substituted for other courses in consultation with the advisor. There will be a final oral examination on the thesis.

Plan B. Students choosing Plan B will select courses for the required 30 credits from those listed for their area of concentration. Beginning from Fall 2010, in the final semester of residency, students in Plan B will be expected to write a capstone paper integrating knowledge they have gained from their study in their field. There is no course associated with the capstone paper. The acceptability of the paper will be decided by the student's advisor and one other graduate faculty member; the student must also present the paper at a local forum (e.g., the annual LLL graduate student conference, an EALL brownbag presentation, or another equivalent venue) as a requirement for graduation.

The M.A. in Japanese is a recognized WICHE regional graduate program. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California (from Fall 2010), Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible, upon admission with gpr of 3.5 or higher, to enroll at resident tuition rates.

Course Requirements Japanese Language/Linguistics

Required (15 credits)

JPN 601	Japanese Phonology & Morphology (3) [Pre: 451]
JPN 602	Japanese Syntax and Semantics (3) [Pre: 451]
JPN 604	Introduction to Japanese Language Pedagogy (3) [Pre: 407; 451, or concurrent]
JPN 606	Japanese Sociolinguistics [Pre: 407, 475 or equivalent; or consent]
JPN 730(Alpha)	Research Seminar in Japanese Linguistics (3) [Pre: 631, 632, 633, or 634, depending on the Alpha]

6 Credits from:

JPN 620	Practicum: Teaching Japanese Language (3) [Pre: 604, or consent]
JPN 631	History of the Japanese Language (3) [Pre: 461 & 601]
JPN 632	Teaching Japanese as a Second Language (3) [Pre: 604]
JPN 633	Advanced Japanese Sociolinguistics (3) [Pre: 606; and 601 or 602, or concurrent]
JPN 634	Advanced Japanese Syntax and Semantics (3) [Pre: 602]
JPN 650(Alpha)	Topics in Japanese Linguistics (3) [Pre: 601 and/or 602, 631, 632, 633, 634, depending on the Alpha]

3 Credits from:

JPN 466	Readings in Classical Japanese (3) [Pre: 461]
JPN 610(Alpha)	Japanese Poetry (3) [Pre: 466 or 485B, depending on the Alpha]
JPN 611(Alpha)	Modern Japanese Literature (3) [Pre: 485B]
JPN 612	Edo Literature (3) [Pre: 466]
JPN 613	Medieval Japanese Literature (3) [Pre: 466]
JPN 614	Classical Japanese Literature (3) [Pre: 466]
JPN 640	Themes in Japanese Literature (3) [Pre: 485B]
JPN 641	Traditional Literary Theory (3) [Pre: 466]

6 Credits from upper division/graduate courses approved by the student's advisor, including the following: (Plan B)

EALL 371(Alpha)	Traditional Japanese Literature (3)
EALL 372(Alpha)	Modern Japanese Literature (3)
EALL 601	Current Issues in East Asian Language Pedagogy (3)
EALL 602	Introduction to East Asian Linguistics (3) [Pre: CHN 451 and 452; or JPN 451; or KOR 451 and 452]
EALL 603J	Bibliographical and Research Methods: Japanese (3) [Pre: 407alpha]
EALL 750	Seminar in Comparison of East Asian Languages (3) [Pre: 451]
JPN 452	Introduction to Japanese Pedagogical Grammar (3) [Pre: 350 or LING 320, and 407; or consent]
JPN 605	Research Methodology in JPN Linguistics and Language Teaching (3) [Pre: 407alpha]
Anth 483, 484	Japanese Culture and Behavior I, II (3, 3)

Thesis (6 credits (Plan A only)

EALL 700V	Thesis research
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