

# J A P A N E S E

## PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

### High School Preparation

**Recommended as part of or in addition to UC's "a-g" admission requirements:**

- A foreign language (Japanese if available),
- English grammar and composition,
- English literature,
- European or Asian history (ancient or modern).

### Transfer Preparation

**To make normal progress in the major, complete the following courses prior to transfer:**

- Elementary Japanese,
- Intermediate Japanese.

Please see the UCSB *General Catalog* ([www.catalog.ucsb.edu](http://www.catalog.ucsb.edu)) or your school counselor for more information on course preparation. California community college students should see [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).

UCSB's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies offers three East Asian languages: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. All are languages of great cultural and historical importance. By studying Japanese, students achieve a greater awareness of East Asia's rich and ancient civilizations. They begin to understand those cultures' tremendous influence, both past and present, in shaping artistic expression and religious and philosophic thought. And in studying Japanese, students enhance their work in other humanities and social sciences such as anthropology, art history, history, linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, and political science.

## The Major

UCSB offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Japanese. Through the major, students:

- Undertake concentrated study of the standard language of the Tokyo area;
- Become acquainted with the foundations of the modern language, namely, Classical Japanese and Classical Chinese;
- Conduct a thorough survey of the literature; and,
- Focus on the language and literature within their historical and social contexts.

To prepare for the major, students must complete elementary and intermediate Japanese and two courses in Introduction to East Asian Studies. Students should complete this preparatory coursework in their freshman and sophomore years.

Examples of upper-division courses from which students may choose to complete the major include:

- Religion in Japanese Culture
- Samurai Japan
- Popular Culture in Japan
- Survey of Modern Japanese Literature
- Traditional Japanese Drama

Students interested in a broader, interdisciplinary approach to the study of Japan may consider UCSB's Asian Studies major offered through the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies. The Asian Studies major offers a well-rounded liberal arts education that examines Asian societies through the study of not only their languages and literatures, but also their arts, philosophies, religions, and other cultural and historical expressions.

## Special Opportunities

Japanese majors who achieve a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0, with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Japanese courses, may be nominated for the senior honors program. Students also are encouraged to study abroad. The university's Education Abroad Program has a center in Tokyo and includes host universities at Japan's International Christian University, the Meiji Gakuin University of Yokohama, the Sophia University, and the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

## Careers in Japanese

UCSB's Japanese major prepares students for careers in a number of areas including translating and interpreting, journalism and foreign correspondence, and international relations. Students can also consider careers in the travel and tourism industry. With advanced and specialized coursework, students can pursue careers in international business and trade and international law.

Students interested in teaching and research at the university should plan to complete a Ph.D. degree. Students interested in teaching at the community college should pursue graduate work at least through the master's degree. Teaching at the high school (secondary) level requires the California single-subject teaching credential. Students considering this last option should discuss their plans with the credential advisor in UCSB's Graduate School of Education early in their academic careers.

For more information on UCSB's Japanese major, please call or write to:

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