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Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages
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102  Elementary Japanese II  Spring, 5(5-0) P: JPN 101 Further work on beginning-level speaking, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and grammar. Continued emphasis on accurate communication. Additional Kanji and aspects of culture.


290  Independent Study  Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. Not open to students with credit in JPN 490. Special projects in Japanese studies arranged by an individual student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.


302  Third-Year Japanese II  Spring, 4(4-0) P: JPN 301 Continuation of JPN 301. Additional Kanji and aspects of culture. Class conducted mostly in Japanese.

350  Studies in Japanese Language  Spring, 3(3-0) P: JPN 202 Outline of the Japanese language, partly taught in English. History, styles, socio-linguistic issues (e.g. honorifics, gender differences, dialects). Review of important structures and phrases.

369  Introduction to Japanese Literature and Culture  Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: (IAH 211B or (HST 369 or HST 370)) and JPN 202 and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors. Critical concepts and tools necessary to analyze discourses on Japanese culture and literature. Key issues in Japanese studies, including the emergence of pre-modern and modern literary genres and styles, the canonization of national literature, and the nature of translation and transformation. Taught in English and Japanese.

401  Fourth-Year Japanese I  Fall, 3(3-0) P: JPN 302 Advanced work on speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. Some classical grammar. Extensive use of original technical and non-technical materials, both spoken and written. Additional Kanji and aspects of culture. Class conducted entirely in Japanese.

402  Fourth-Year Japanese II  Spring, 3(3-0) P: JPN 401 Continuation of JPN 401. Additional Kanji and aspects of culture.

431  Advanced Spoken Japanese  Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P: JPN 302 or approval of department Present-day spoken Japanese. Mastery of common advanced vocabulary and grammar. Various aspects of Japanese culture and social interaction. Video and web materials and role-play practices. Taught entirely in Japanese.

441  Japanese Short Stories  Spring. 3(3-0) P: JPN 302 or approval of department Short stories from various genres. Reading strategies. Onomatopoeia. Taught entirely in Japanese.

451  Advanced Japanese for Japanese Language Proficiency Test Preparation  Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: JPN 302 or approval of department Preparation for Japanese Language Proficiency Test Levels 1 or 2. Practice in advanced-level Kanji (Chinese character), grammar, and reading comprehension. Advanced speaking practice. Taught entirely in Japanese.

469  Research Seminar in Japanese Literature and Culture (W)  Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: (JPN 369) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors. Critical concepts and tools for analysis of discourses on Japanese culture and literature. Re-examination of the received notion of Japanese uniqueness through focused investigation of a specific foundational literary narrative in circulation via various cultural mediums in the twenty-first century. Taught in English and Japanese.

471  Classical Japanese I  Fall. 3(3-0) P: JPN 302 RB: (IAH 211B or concurrently) and (HST 369 or concurrently) and (HST 370 or concurrently) R: Approval of department. Basics of classical Japanese grammar and syntax. Close reading of a classical Japanese primer including its historical contextualization.

472  Classical Japanese II  Spring. 3(3-0) P: JPN 471 R: Approval of department. Classical Japanese grammar and syntax. Readings from original texts from pre-1600 Japan.

490  Independent Study  Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Approval of department. Not open to students with credit in JPN 290. Special projects in Japanese studies arranged by an individual student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.

493  Study Abroad Experience in Japan  Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(2-0) P: JPN 202 R: Approval of department. C: JPN 301 concurrently or JPN 302 concurrently or JPN 401 concurrently or JPN 402 concurrently. Japanese language training in Japan.

499  Senior Thesis Research  Fall, Spring. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. Individual research project supervised by a faculty member that demonstrates the student’s ability to do independent research and submit or present a major paper.