

In all 100-level language courses, students may not enroll in a course at a lower-level once they have completed a more advanced-level course.

The department offers Intensive Courses in Japanese. JPN 151 is offered in the fall and covers the material/skills from the former 101-102 courses. JPN 152 is offered in the spring and covers the material/skills from the former 103-201 courses. Each of these courses meets four days a week for 80 minutes each class day, plus an Oral Proficiency Class (50 minutes). Each of these courses carries two units of academic credit. Students who have a TCNJ GPA of 3.3 or above are automatically approved to take five units if two of the five units are from a 151 or 152 intensive language course. For students in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, this overload does not count against their college-career limit of one overload in the four years. Students whose GPA is below 3.3 do not qualify for the automatic overload permission. Incoming freshmen and transfer students will not have a TCNJ GPA and are therefore not allowed to take five units until they can establish their TCNJ GPA at the required 3.3 level or higher.

Japanese

JPN 151/Beginning Intensive Japanese I

2 course units

(fall)

This course is an intensive introduction to spoken and written Japanese, with emphasis on aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Oral Proficiency Class is required. JPN 151 replaces JPN 101 and 102 and covers the material from these two courses in a single semester. Students enrolled in JPN 151 will earn two course units. There are no prerequisites for JPN 151, and the course assumes no prior knowledge of Japanese. Students who have studied Japanese prior to enrolling at TCNJ should consult with the professor regarding adequate placement before registering.

JPN 152/Beginning Intensive Japanese II

2 course units

(spring)

Prerequisite: A grade of C or above in JPN 151 or permission of instructor

This course is an intensive course which builds on the introduction to spoken and written Japanese from JPN 151, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Oral Proficiency Class is required. JPN 152 replaces JPN 103 and 201 and covers the material from these two courses in a single semester. Students enrolled in JPN 152 will earn two course units for the course.

JPN 171/Contemporary Japan (In English)

1 course unit

(spring)

This course is an interdisciplinary survey course that does not require any knowledge of Japanese. Students will learn about Japanese culture, establish connections with other disciplines such as history, sociology, film studies, and literature, and gain a nuanced understanding of the social practices and expectations of native speakers of different varieties of Japanese within their own speech communities. Students will develop and practice critical thinking skills in analyzing stereotypical ideas of Japan and Japanese culture. Students with Japanese-language expertise can opt to take the course for LAC (Language Across the Curriculum) credit with readings and papers in Japanese.

JPN 223/Experiential Learning .5 course unit
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of JPN 152 or permission of instructor

This course provides students with an opportunity to improve their Japanese by using it in a Japanese speaking workplace (whether in the United States or abroad in a Japanese speaking culture), in the context of a commercial enterprise, government agency, political office, non-profit agency, or other work environment in which Japanese is spoken.

JPN 251/Second-Year Intensive Japanese I 2 course units
(fall)

Prerequisite: A grade of C or above in JPN 152 or permission of instructor

This course is a second-year course in spoken and written contemporary Japanese, emphasizing communicative practice in authentic cultural contexts. Cultural and audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Oral Proficiency Class is required.

JPN 252/Second-Year Japanese II 1 course unit
(spring)

Prerequisite: A grade of C or above in JPN 251 or permission of instructor

This course is an intensive second-year course in spoken and written contemporary Japanese, emphasizing communicative practice in authentic cultural contexts. Cultural and audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Oral Proficiency Class is required.

JPN 270/Intermediate Topics in Japanese 1 course unit
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: JPN 251 or permission of instructor

This course is an examination of specialized topics at the intermediate-level in Japanese. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

JPN 301/Advanced Japanese I 1 course unit
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: JPN 152 or permission of instructor

This course is designed for students who have already taken JPN 151 and 152 or have equivalent knowledge and skills of that level. This course focuses on reading and writing skills. The objectives of this course are: to understand everyday conversations, to acquire more advanced effective communication skills, to use appropriate sentences and vocabulary, to improve reading skills, including skimming, scanning, and intensive reading, to improve writing skills, including descriptions and some functional writing tasks, such as letter writing, and to acquire socio-cultural information on the Japanese language and people.

JPN 302/Advanced Japanese II 1 course unit
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: JPN 301 or permission of instructor

This course is designed for students who have already taken JPN 251 or 301 or have equivalent knowledge and skills of that level. This course focuses on spoken discourse. The objectives of this course are to acquire more advanced effective communication skills and understand socio-cultural information on the Japanese language and people.

JPN 370/Topics in Japanese 1 course unit
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: 200-level course or permission of instructor

This course focuses on a different topic each time it is offered. Taught in Japanese. May be repeated for credit.

JPN 371/Topics in Japanese (English)
(occasionally)

1 course unit

This course focuses on a different topic each time it is offered. It counts towards the Japanese minor when title is “Introduction to Japanese Linguistics” and taken with a LAC (Language Across the Curriculum) component. May be repeated for credit.

JPN 391/Independent Study in Japanese
(every semester)

variable course units

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

This course provides a study of topic related to Japanese language, culture, or literature chosen after consultation between student and instructor.