JAPANESE (JAPN)

* JAPN 110a, Elementary Japanese I  Staff
Introductory language course for students with no previous background in Japanese. Development of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, including 50 hiragana, 50 katakana, and 85 kanji characters. Introduction to cultural aspects such as levels of politeness and group concepts. In-class drills in pronunciation and conversation. Individual tutorial sessions improve conversational skills.  

L1  RP  1½ Course cr

* JAPN 120b, Elementary Japanese II  Staff
Continuation of JAPN 110, with additional materials such as excerpts from television shows, anime, and songs. Introduction of 150 additional kanji. After JAPN 110 or equivalent.  

L2  RP  1½ Course cr

* JAPN 130a, Intermediate Japanese I  Hiroyo Nishimura
Continued development in both written and spoken Japanese. Aspects of Japanese culture, such as history, art, religion, and cuisine, explored through text, film, and animation. Online audio and visual aids facilitate listening, as well as the learning of grammar and kanji. Individual tutorial sessions improve conversational skills. After JAPN 120 or equivalent.  

L3  RP  1½ Course cr

* JAPN 140b, Intermediate Japanese II  Staff
Continuation of JAPN 130. After JAPN 130 or equivalent.  

L4  RP  1½ Course cr

* JAPN 150a, Advanced Japanese I  Mari Stever
Advanced language course that further develops proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Reading and discussion materials include works by Nobel Prize winners. Japanese anime and television dramas are used to enhance listening and to develop skills in culturally appropriate speech. Writing of essays, letters, and criticism solidifies grammar and style. Individual tutorial sessions improve conversational skills. After JAPN 140 or equivalent.  

L5  RP

* JAPN 151b, Advanced Japanese II  Staff
Continuation of JAPN 150. After JAPN 150 or equivalent.  

L5  RP

* JAPN 156a, Advanced Japanese III  Kumiko Nakamura
Close reading of modern Japanese writing on current affairs, social science, history, and literature. Development of speaking and writing skills in academic settings, including formal speeches, interviews, discussions, letters, e-mail, and expository writing. Interviews of and discussions with native speakers on current issues. Individual tutorial sessions provide speaking practice. After JAPN 151 or equivalent.  

L5  RP

* JAPN 157b, Advanced Japanese IV  Staff
Continuation of JAPN 156. After JAPN 156 or equivalent.  

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JAPN 170a and JAPN 570a, Introduction to Literary Japanese  Edward Kamens
Introduction to the grammar and style of the premodern literary language (bungotai) through a variety of texts. After JAPN 151 or equivalent.  

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