INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Japanese Language major trains students on the humanistic investigation of major East Asian traditions through a curriculum that focuses on the modern and classical forms of the language; reading works in their historical and cultural contexts; and introducing students to the vast array of artistic, literary and philosophical traditions of East Asia and their transformations in modernity.

UC Berkeley is a world-renowned center for the study of East Asian Humanities. Whether you want to master Japanese, immerse yourself in the literary traditions of East Asia, absorb the profound insights of its philosophical and historical texts, or come to a deeper understanding of the modern and contemporary visuals and sonic media cultures of this complex and vital region, the East Asian Language and Cultures program has something for you.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- If you are interested in the language or culture but choose not to major in Japanese, ask about our minors in Buddhist Studies, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan.
- If you are interested in the Japanese language and wish to focus on Japanese religion and philosophy, consider the East Asian Religion, Thought and Culture major.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit ealc.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop in to 3413 Dwinelle Hall to speak with an advisor, call (510) 642-3480, or email questions to ealc-advising@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-in Hours:
Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

For general information about the major, visit ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

“EALC not only nurtures me into a young scholar but also a more complete person.”

– Yisheng Tang, EALC graduate

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AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Immerse yourself in Japanese culture with the Pan Pacific Foundation Homestay Program in Japan.
- Publish your work in the Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies.
- Get international work experience with a Berkeley Global Internship in Tokyo.
- Visit the Institute of East Asian Studies, the C.V. Starr East Asian Library, and other Friends+Partners of EALC.
**JAPANESE LANGUAGE**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with the major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10.
- Take the Japanese language placement exam.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete the lower division prerequisite course.
- Declare the major.
- Complete the lower division Japanese language and literature requirements.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.
- Focus on upper division Japanese language and Literature and elective course requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the honors program.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- Jobs and Employers
- Behavioral Therapist, THC
- Career in Corporate Environment
- English Teacher
- Import/Export Business
- Media Analyst, Lifefstreet
- Other, Facebook

- Graduate Programs
  - Asian Studies, MA
  - Buddhist Studies, PhD
  - Business, MBA
  - Computer Engineering, Masters
  - Foreign Languages, Masters
  - Foreign Languages & Literatures, Masters
  - Japanese Language & Literature, PhD
  - Law, JD

- Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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