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.

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.

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.

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– Yisheng Tang, EALC graduate

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Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
**Japanese Language Bachelor of Arts**

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

**Connect and build community**
- Get a mentorship with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Check out the Berkeley Language Center.
- Attend a Center for Japanese Studies event.

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the collections of Berkeley's C.V. Starr East Asian Library.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Get involved with Words in Action hosted by Berkeley Language Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Visit the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.
- Apply for a Pacific Foundation Japan Homestay.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

**First Year**
- Complete the lower division prerequisite Japanese language and literature courses.
- Declare the major.
- Complete the lower division Japanese language and literature requirements.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

**Second Year**
- Complete the upper division Japanese language and literature courses.
- Fulfill the major requirements.
- Declare the major.

**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 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, Lifesheet
  - 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

**WHAT CAN I DO**
- Explore career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

**Connections Networking Series**
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

**STEP-BY-STEP for Planning Help**
- Meet with employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

**Updates Last: 05/29/20**

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