

WORLD LANG & LIT: JAPANESE (WLJ)

WLJ 101 - Elementary Japanese I

Credits: 4

An introduction to spoken and written Japanese emphasizing cultural perspectives. Linguistic emphasis is on basic grammar, vocabulary, and the development of reading, conversation, and writing skills while learning about the culture of Japan.

Note(s): Four hours of class, one hour of drill or tutorial. Presupposes no previous study of Japanese. Fulfills Foreign Language requirement; fulfills Language Study requirement.

WLJ 102 - Elementary Japanese II

Credits: 4

Continuation of WLJ 101. Further development of basic grammar, reading, speaking, and writing skills with mastery of approximately 90 Kanji characters in addition to about 60 characters learned in WLJ 101.

Prerequisites: WLJ 101 or permission of the instructor.

Note(s): Three hours of class, one hour of drill or tutorial. Fulfills Foreign Language requirement; fulfills Language Study requirement.

WLJ 203 - Intermediate Japanese

Credits: 4

Continuing study of the structures of the Japanese language. Extensive practice in conversation and writing. Vocabulary building through the reading of appropriate texts in the literature and culture.

Prerequisites: WLJ 102 or permission of instructor.

Note(s): Three hours of class, one hour of lab. Fulfills Foreign Language requirement; fulfills Language Study requirement.

WLJ 206 - Japanese Language and Culture

Credits: 4

Development of Japanese skills at the advanced intermediate level. Extensive practice in idioms. Development of vocabulary and reading skills necessary for communication at native speed. Texts include contemporary news materials, film, Internet sources, literature, and music.

Prerequisites: WLJ 203 or permission of the department.

Note(s): Fulfills non-Western Cultures and Foreign Language requirements; fulfills Global Cultural Perspectives, and Language Study requirements.

WLJ 207 - Advanced Intermediate Japanese I

Credits: 3

Systematic study of advanced intermediate Japanese linguistic structures. Reading of selected texts concerning Japanese culture/society. Discussion in Japanese based on the reading. Intensive practice in writing short essays.

Prerequisites: WLJ 203 or permission of instructor.

Note(s): Fulfills Foreign Language requirement; Fulfills Global Cultural Perspectives and Language Study requirements.

WLJ 208 - Advanced Intermediate Japanese II

Credits: 3

Continuation of WLJ 207. Further study of grammar, idioms, and vocabulary. Reading of authentic materials such as newspapers/magazine articles. Aural-oral exercises and intensive practice in writing short essays.

Prerequisites: WLJ 207 or permission of instructor.

Note(s): Fulfills Foreign Language requirement; fulfills Global Cultural Perspectives and Language Study requirements.

WLJ 210 - Introduction to Japanese Culture and Literature

Credits: 4

An introduction to the development of Japanese literature from the Heian Period (794-1185) to the present focusing on major authors and literary movements. Film and graphic novels are utilized as well. Relevant cultural and historical contexts will also be introduced.

Prerequisites: WLJ 206.

Note(s): Fulfills Non-Western requirement and Foreign Language requirement requirements; fulfills Global Cultural Perspectives and Language Study requirements.

WLJ 220 - Language across the Curriculum

Credits: 1

A course designed for students who want to use their foreign language skills in any course taught in English at the college.

Prerequisites: WLJ 203.

Note(s): Does not fulfill the foreign language distribution requirement or count toward the minor. Can be repeated for credit. Must be taken S/U.

WLJ 271 - Japanese Language and Literature Discussion

Credits: 1

A discussion group about an author, a period, a genre, a topic, a translation, or a research project in conjunction with another course.

Prerequisites: WLJ 208 or permission of the department.

Note(s): Can be repeated for credit.

WLJ 272 - Japanese Language and Literature Discussion

Credits: 1

A discussion group about an author, a period, a genre, a topic, a translation, or a research project in conjunction with another course.

Prerequisites: WLJ 208 or permission of the department.

Note(s): Can be repeated for credit.

WLJ 311 - Contemporary Japan

Credits: 3

Study of Japanese language with an emphasis on socio-cultural issues of contemporary Japanese society while continuing to develop language skills at the advanced level. Students will use authentic materials, including newspaper articles, internet Web sites, films, and videos to enhance their cultural literacy.

Prerequisites: WLJ 208 or WLJ 363.

Note(s): Classes conducted in Japanese. Fulfills non-Western Cultures and Humanities requirements; fulfills Humanistic Inquiry and Global Cultural Perspectives requirements.

WLJ 340 - Advanced Languages Across the Curriculum

Credits: 2

Application and development of Japanese language skills in conjunction with any course taught in English at the college. Students will read, report, discuss and write about sophisticated materials in the disciplines, and learn how to translate them to and from English.

Prerequisites: WLJ 206 or above.

Note(s): Does not fulfill the Foreign Language or Language Study requirement. Can be repeated for credit.

WLJ 363 - Special Studies in Japanese

Credits: 3

Advanced literary or cultural study in an author, a genre, a period, or a topic.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

Note(s): Fulfills non-Western Cultures Humanities requirements; fulfills Humanistic Inquiry and Global Cultural Perspectives requirements.

WLJ 371 - Independent Study

Credits: 1-4

Individual study projects under the guidance of the department.