

JAPANESE

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Overview

The active part that the United States is now taking in world affairs makes it desirable that a greater number of Americans than ever before have knowledge of foreign languages and cultures. A language background should be of intrinsic value. The acquisition of desired practical communication skills in the study of a modern foreign language is the primary objective. This can be accomplished by the oral approach, motivated by lectures and implemented by the language laboratory.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Foreign Language are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Four-year graduates in Foreign Languages are qualified for positions in teaching, business, foreign services, law enforcement, nursing, secretarial and diplomatic services.

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

JPN 0001. Elementary Japanese - Level I

Units: 4

Hours: 72 lecture

Introduction to Japanese language; reading, writing, with emphasis on speaking. Pronunciation, sound system, intonation, basic vocabulary and grammar of spoken Japanese. Grammar emphasis is word order, postpositions, and some conjugation in simple sentences. Introduction to geography, customs and culture of Japan. Students required to learn Hiragana script and Kanji characters. Corresponds to two years of high school study. (CSU, UC)

JPN 0002. Elementary Japanese - Level II

Units: 4

Prerequisite: Completion of JPN 1 or two years of high school Japanese with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 72 lecture

Continuation of JPN 1 with increased emphasis on reading, writing and grammatical forms. Stresses vocabulary, idioms, postpositions, and grammar. Study of more complex subordinate phrases and clauses. Includes Hiragana, as well as, Katakana and simple Kanji ideographs. Further study of geography, customs, and culture of Japan. (CSU, UC)

JPN 0028. Independent Study

Units: 1-3

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Improve listening skills in target language and draw reasonable conclusions from observations.
- Improve reading skills in target language while examining important contributions to literature in relevant cultures.
- Improve writing skills in target language while examining new ideas from the relevant cultures.
- Improve speaking skills in target language and develop problem-solving skills by working productively with others.
- Cultivate openness to new ideas and an informed appreciation of relevant cultures.