

2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in Japanese**36 Units**

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

Courses**Prerequisites**

Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):

AAAS 100: Asian Eats (3)

Complete **ALL** of the following courses with grades of "C" or better (15 units total):

JAPN 301: Advanced Japanese (3)

JAPN 202 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

JAPN 302: Advanced Japanese (3)

JAPN 301 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

JAPN 311: Advanced Spoken Japanese (3)

JAPN 202 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

JAPN 312: Advanced Spoken Japanese (3)

JAPN 311 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

AAAS 492: Senior Research Seminar (3)

Upper Division Standing In Asian American Studies, Asian Studies, Chinese Studies, Japanese; or Consent

Japanese Language and Language Related Courses - Complete 15 UNITS from the following courses with grades of "C" or better (15 units total):

JAPN 350: Japanese Language, Culture, and Communication (3)

JAPN 421: Selected Readings/Writing in Japanese (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of Instructor

JAPN 422: Technical Japanese (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of Instructor

JAPN 451: Japanese Civilization (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of Instructor

JAPN 452: Japan: Its Land, People, and Culture (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of Instructor

JAPN 453: Japanese Culture as Social Process (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

JAPN 471: Readings in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Literature (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor

JAPN 482: Pedagogical Grammar (3)

JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of Instructor

JAPN 490: Selected Topics in Japanese (3)

Consent of Instructor

JAPN 492: Japanese Internship (3 - 6)

Consent of Instructor; Completion of a Minimum of 15 Upper Division Units Required for the Major in JAPN

JAPN 497: Directed Studies (1 - 6)

Consent of Instructor

Japanese or Japan-Related Civilization and Intercultural Courses - Complete 3 UNITS from the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):

A/ST 306: Traditional Asia (3)

GE Foundations

A/ST 307: Modern Asia (3)

GE Foundations

A/ST 309: Asia and Globalization (3)

GE Foundations

A/ST 320: Asian Films: Culture and Identity (3)

Upper Division Standing

A/ST 336: Politics and Literature in Southeast Asia (3)

GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

A/ST 393: Japan: Continuities and Transformations (3)

GE Foundations

ASAM/AFRS/AIS/CHLS 319: Racial and Ethnic Experience in the United States (3)

GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

ASAM 330: Japanese American Experience (3)

ASAM/CHLS 335: Asian and Latino Immigration Since World War II (3)

GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

ASAM 340: Asian American Family (3)

GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

ASAM 345: Asian American Community Analysis (3)

CHIN 321: Chinese Calligraphy (3)	
CHIN 370: Chinese Literature in English Translation (3)	GE Foundations
CHIN 390: Topics in Chinese Cultural Studies (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 421: Current Affairs in China (3)	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- **See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.**
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**
- JAPN 201 and 202 are prerequisites for the major and may be satisfied by appropriate high school preparation or by examination.
- Students with background in Japanese language competency gained through home use or through primary or secondary school work in the U.S. or Japan must take a language placement test administered by the department.
- Students are encouraged to study in Japan after completing at least two years of study (or equivalent) of Japanese at CSULB.
- Students are encouraged to complete up to a year of their language study in approved programs of study abroad.
- At least five upper division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at CSULB.

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