CSULB College of Liberal Arts Advising Center

2026 - 2027 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 461: The Structure of the Japanese Language (3)	JAPN 302 and 312; or Consent of 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 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)	GE Foundations; 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
	A/ST/CINE 429: Japanese Cinema (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	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

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Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):		
	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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Checklists are available on the ATLAS website