

# Department of Japanese Language

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## What is Japanese Language Program?

We direct our education for our students to have a deeper sense of linguistic and cultural developments of Japan in connection with the major political and social events in history, dealing with the areas of Japanese linguistics, Japanese fiction, film studies, and Japanese studies. With this knowledge, our students will be well equipped to serve as professionals such as professors in Japanese linguistics, cultural studies, or literature and also as critics and columnists of the mass media such as film and video art, working for newspapers and magazines.

## Japanese Language at Kyung Hee

The program of Japanese Language was first established as a division in the College of Humanities in 1981. The program of Japanese Language and Literature requires students to be proficient in Japanese as a preliminary step towards gaining entrance into the world of Japanese language, literature and culture. Accordingly, it offers four categories of courses: 1) Japanese instruction through face-to-face interaction; 2) strengthening Japanese ability through written and spoken contexts; 3) advanced Japanese courses that approach an understanding of Japanese culture; 4) comprehensive courses covering Japanese linguistics, literature, history, and society. Upon successfully completing their courses, students possess a strong degree of confidence in any field of Japanese study, and are fully ready to apply their knowledge to the academic and business world concerning Japan.

## Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in Japanese, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units.
- satisfy the General Requirements of the School for professional degrees.
- complete 9 units of Essential General Subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (6 credits of Foreign Language 1, 2) and computer (3 credits).
  - ※ Only Foreign Language 1 can be exempted with the acquisition of a Certificate of Language Competency issued by publicly acknowledged institutions.
  - ※ 3 credits for computer proficiency can be fulfilled by taking Language and Computer, a course offered by the Department of Korean as Essential General Subject of the College of Foreign Languages and Literature (This course can be exempted with acquisition of a certificate issued by publicly acknowledged computation institutions).
- complete 9 credits of the General Studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature (2 courses from the College Basic Courses and one from the courses of Each Country's History and Culture).
- complete 45 credits of Major Courses for Japanese (12 credits of Required Major Courses and 33 Selected Major Courses).

## Courses

### Year 1

Elementary Japanese Conversation 1, 2, Japanese 1, 2

### Year 2

Elementary Japanese Composition 1, 2, Comprehension of Japanese-Chinese Character, Contemporary Japanese Literature, Comprehension of Japanese Current Culture, Contemporary Japanese Grammar, Current Japanese, Japanese Linguistics, Modern Japanese Literature Reading

### Year 3

Comprehension of Classical Japanese, History of Japanese Literature, Japanese Vocabulary, Business Japanese, Classical Japanese Literature Reading, Studies in Japanese Syntax, Practice of Japanese Sentence, Comprehension of Japanese Traditional Culture

### Year 4

Screen Japanese, Composition of Japanese Sentence, Society and Culture of Japan, Seminar on Japanese Literature 1, 2, Seminar on Japanese Linguistics 1, 2

### Careers and Graduate Destinations

Our students have many opportunities to choose careers such as Japanese teachers, newspaper reporters, literary critics as well as journalists for magazines and broadcasting companies. They can also work as translators or interpreters. Some students may enter graduate school.

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