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Preface

The Japan Foundation has conducted surveys on the state of Japanese Studies in North America over the past half century. In cooperation with the Association for Asian Studies, the Japan Studies Association of Canada, and the University of Hawaii, led by Professor Patricia G. Steinhoff, directories of specialists and associated survey analyses were published in 1981, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2006 and 2007, and made publicly available online in 2013. While the most recent survey for the United States was updated in 2016, the Canadian volume had not been updated since its last edition in 2013.

Over the decades Japanese Studies have developed and taken shape, these directories and the linked qualitative analyses have served as beacons for scholars, institutions, governments, and funders by providing a broader understanding of the current state of Japanese Studies in North America. This was the primary reason that we at the Japan Foundation, Toronto decided to update the Canadian volume.

While this volume builds upon the publicly available survey results from 2013, it differs from the previous studies in several respects. First, it has been compiled solely by the Japan Foundation, Toronto, whereas earlier editions were produced primarily by a researcher/research team at the University. Second, the methods differ from the questionnaire-based approach used previously; instead, our research relies primarily on publicly available information from each institution, supplemented by confirmation from the institutions themselves as well as additional questionnaire responses where available. Third, this edition focuses primarily on institutions rather than individuals, and therefore includes limited background information on individual scholars.

In addition, considering that Japanese language programs play a significant role in Japanese Studies in Canada—where many institutions are relatively smaller than those in the United States, we have sought to include information on Japanese language programs as extensively as possible. As a result, this volume may present a somewhat different picture from earlier studies, which focused primarily on Japanese Studies programs.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Steinhoff for kindly supporting our decision to move forward with this update project independently. I would also like to thank Dr. James Tiessen, President of the Japan Studies Association of Canada, for his advice throughout the project and for contributing his essay on Japan Studies in Canada, as well as the Association's members for their support contacting institutions and confirming and/or appending information. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Julien Dierkes for his incredible work on last Canadian volume which we have built upon.

Last, but not least, we would like to express our deep appreciation to the individuals who made significant contributions to this project: Ms. Ayeshwini Lama, Program Officer for Japanese Studies and International Dialogue at the Japan Foundation, Toronto, and Ms. Yoko Ono, independent researcher and consultant. We would also like to thank our colleagues at the Japan Foundation Headquarters for their support of this initiative undertaken by the Toronto office.

We hope that this information will contribute to further strengthening Japanese Studies in Canada in the years to come.

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Overview of Japan Studies in Canada

- Dr. James Tiessen,
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This directory provides an informative snapshot of Japan studies at Canadian universities. Scholars engaged in this work appreciate the Japan Foundation's (JF) continuing commitment supporting these pursuits. I would like to thank the JF Toronto's Executive Director Noriko Yamamoto and Program Officer Ayeshwini Lama for their initiative and diligence, and the many scholars across Canada who verified and contributed data for their institutions. Recognition too goes to Dr. Patricia Steinhoff for championing this work over 30 years and inspiring this new Canadian project.

Following, I provide a history of Japan studies in Canada, including information captured by successive JF directories. Then, using information from the updated directory, I outline the current state of, and future implications for, these activities at Canadian universities and colleges.

In short, Japan studies are well-entrenched at several universities. However, to ensure a strong presence across the country, stakeholders must convince post-secondary decision-makers that Japan matters to Canada.

Development of Japan Studies in Canada

The study of Japanese language and Japan broadly has long history in Canada. Prior to WW II, the Japanese Canadians operated more than 50 schools in British Columbia for their children. These were closed as part of the Canadian government's egregious program, following the Pearl Harbour attack, to seize the property of this community and move them from the Pacific coast. Notably, these classes re-emerged after the war and remain vital in Canada's major cities.

Professor John Howes, the late UBC historian, states that the "systematic study of Japan" at Canadian institutions began with the 1956 appointment of British sociologist Ronald Dore at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Later the University of Toronto also introduced Japanese language and area studies. In 1972, the Standing Senate Committee on Canada's relations with the Pacific countries noted the need to support university studies in Japanese and Chinese language and culture. This was due to Canada's growing economic and geopolitical engagement with region.

The JF has long supported the compilation of directories of Japan specialists in Canada. The information gathered between varies between reports due to coverage and inclusion criteria. Nonetheless they provide an interesting perspective on trends over the decades.

The 1981 *Directory of Japan Specialists in Canada*, compiled by the JF with the support of John Brownlee (University of Toronto) and John Howes, lists 169 specialists. These were distributed mostly between 22 universities and 4 colleges, while the rest were at other organizations or working independently. The UBC accounted for 40 specialists, followed by the Universities of Alberta (UofA) and Toronto (UofT), which both showed 21 entries. Most of these specialists were

active in language teaching and the humanities. This has not changed, as the analyses of the 2025 data show.

Dr. Patricia Steinhoff, with support from the JF and the Association of Asian Studies, led the creation of the comprehensive 1989 *Directory of Japan Specialists and Japanese Studies Institutions in the United States and Canada*. At the peak of the bubble, Japan studies had arrived in Canada. Despite using a more restrictive definition of specialist (mostly those holding doctorates and conducting research on Japan), 181 specialists were identified across 31 Canadian universities. The UBC continued to lead, with 32 specialists, followed more closely this time by the UofT (30). The UofA remained strong with 19, while York University had 18. In the next tier, there were nine Japan specialists at McMaster, and seven at both McGill and the University of Windsor.

The JF published similar directories in 1995, 2006 and 2013, as Japan entered its slow economic growth decades. However, expansion of Japan's cultural exports, such as *anime*, *manga* and video games, generated student interest. Over this period the number of specialists in Canada peaked at 300 in 1995 and then declined significantly to 158 in 2006 and slightly, to 156 in 2013. In 2013, 147 of these were working at the 41 higher education institutions that participated. Sixteen of these individuals were the only Japan specialist at their university or college. In 2013, the UBC and the UofT were the home of 29 and 16, respectively.

As Japan studies expanded in Canada during the 1980s, institutions and scholarly associations emerged to sustain and nurture this work. The Canadian government created the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada in 1984. The JF established its Toronto office in 1990, and this became a "cultural centre" in 1995.

The Canadian Asian Studies Association, which included a Japan interest group, took shape in the 1980s. The Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education was established in 1988. In 1987, a collection of 40 scholars gathered at the University of Alberta with JF and Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs support to hold the "Conference on Modern Japan". The next year McGill University held the first Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) conference. JSAC remains the sole national organization representing Japan studies in Canada.

Japan studies at Canada's leading universities are anchored by research centres and associated funded chairs. The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, which included a Chair in Economic Relations with Japan, was founded at the University of Victoria (UVic) in 1987. The UBC established its Centre for Japanese Research in 1991, and the UofA's Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research was inaugurated in 1996. The UofT's Centre for the Study of Global Japan was introduced in 2017.

The current state of Japan studies in Canada

Overall, the state of Japan studies at Canadian post-secondary institutions remains stable. The 2025 *Directory* represents 40 universities that report 258 specialists. This is significantly higher than the 147 specialists listed in 2013, suggesting significant growth. However, a closer look shows that this result is partly because of who are counted. In 2013 many universities did not

identify contingent faculty (sessional or contract lecturers). At the UBC for example, the 2025 list includes 17 lecturers while in 2013 there were none.

Some institutions, particularly the University of Waterloo and Mount Allison University, demonstrated an increased commitment to Japan studies as reflected in faculty growth. That said, this Directory's survey findings indicate that more than one-third of respondents believe that future university support for this work will decline in the future, while half believe it will not change.

Numbers derived from this Directory identify five universities where Japan studies have a significant presence that will favour continuity. The UBC, UofT, UofA, Université de Montreal and UVic all offer more than 10 courses each in Japanese language and area studies, while engaging more than 10 faculty.

Another five universities show the next level of commitment. The University of Waterloo and McGill University both deliver significant numbers of language and area study courses but listed just under 10 specialists. Carleton has more than 10 specialists and delivers more than 10 Japanese language courses but offers fewer area study courses. Simon Fraser University (SFU) and York University (York) both have less than 10 specialists and deliver several language courses along with some area study offerings. With continued advocacy to sustain faculty numbers, these institutions should be able to retain their position as places to conduct Japan studies.

The future is less certain for the other Directory participants. These universities have six or less people identified as specialists, and less than 10 Japanese language or area study courses offered. The loss of one or two faculty members without replacement would threaten the sustainability of Japan studies at these institutions.

Prospects and conclusions

The future state of Japan studies at Canadian universities depends on the broader post-secondary education context, and the robustness of existing programs and faculty complements. Universities face significant budget challenges. Aging populations have both limited growth in university-aged cohorts and, due to greater demands on provincial governments for health care and support spending, reduced the funds available to support post-secondary education. Further, policy makers are increasingly allocating precious new resources to disciplines, such as engineering and healthcare, which are perceived to more directly contribute to current labour market needs.

These trends place the humanities and social sciences, including Japan studies, in a precarious situation. To survive future or even prosper through future waves of spending reviews, Japan studies programs, courses and associated faculty must be viewed as essential elements of their universities. Current faculty specialists must continue to deliver courses that engage considerable numbers of students in the interesting and dynamic elements of Japan's culture and history, while producing relevant scholarly output. The top five Japan studies institutions are well placed to do this. But to ensure Japan studies are widely accessible it is necessary to ensure other universities and colleges sustain, or ideally, build their permanent faculty complements.

More broadly, stakeholders must make efforts to convince post-secondary policy makers and university leadership that Japan studies are vital. It is time to invoke, as in the 1970s and 1980s,

Japan's economic and geopolitical importance to Canada. The “rupture” in the world order famously described by Prime Minister Mark Carney in his 2026 World Economic Forum special address provides an opportunity. It is now even more critical to remind federal and provincial funders of the importance of understanding the language and culture of Japan, a dependable economic and geopolitical partner, and fellow “middle power”.

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Overview of Directory Findings

- The Japan Foundation, Toronto

Japanese Studies in Canada were previously surveyed and compiled in the *2013 Directory of Japan Specialists and Japanese Studies Institutions in Canada*, a project completed by the University of Hawaii with support from The Japan Foundation. In 2024, The Japan Foundation, Toronto (JFT) initiated an update of this directory to reflect the current landscape of Japanese Studies across Canadian universities. The goals of this update were multifaceted: to refresh information on staff and faculty engaged in Japan-related work, to gather data on Japanese Studies programs, courses, and supporting resources such as library collections and study abroad opportunities, and to provide a more qualitative and comprehensive overview of the field's current state in Canada. Additionally, the project sought to strengthen the network of professionals in Japanese Studies and offer a useful resource for newcomers to the field, while also identifying trends and informing future directions for Japanese Studies in Canadian academia.

Methodology

The JFT used the 2013 publication as baseline data for this update. A total of 23 educational institutions from across Canada were included in the “*Academic Institutions with Japanese Studies Program*” section of the 2013 publication, and 19 institutions were listed under “*Other Academic Institutions with Japan Specialist Staff*”. Due to the lack of Japanese Studies programs or reachable contacts, five of these institutions were removed in this update. On the other hand, three institutions not previously listed – namely Athabasca University, Bishop’s University, and Toronto Metropolitan University - were added. Thus, this report is based on the information provided by 40 participating universities (see Annexe 1).

Initial updates to the baseline data from 2013 were made by the JFT by cross-checking with the institutions’ official websites. Information sheets were drafted for each of the 40 universities and through the help of the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) and its members serving as initial contacts, they were further cross-checked and updated. Official contacts were also identified from each institution in this process. Upon completion of this step, the official contacts verified all updates gathered so far, as well as responded to a survey questionnaire online. The survey questionnaire consisted of 10 questions designed to understand the current state of Japanese studies in Canadian educational institutes, covering topics such as interest, capacity and resources, and future plans. Information is current as of February 2025.

Geographic and Institutional Distribution

The geographic and institutional distribution of programs in Japanese Studies, East Asian Studies, and Asian Studies in Canada closely reflects the country's broader population patterns. The four most populous provinces—Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and Alberta—serve as the main

centers for these academic fields. Of the 40 participating universities, 32 are located within these four provinces, representing approximately 80% of the institutional resources dedicated to Japan, East Asia, or Asia-related studies across the country. More specifically, Ontario hosts 12 universities offering relevant programs, followed by British Columbia with 9, Quebec with 6 and Alberta with 5. In contrast, provinces and territories such as Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon do not currently have any universities offering courses or programs in these areas, underscoring a significant regional concentration of academic resources (see Annex 1).

Course Offerings in Japanese Studies

To provide a structured overview of the 739 Japanese Studies courses offered across the 40 participating universities, a two-tiered categorization approach was employed. First, a broad, generalized classification system that reflects the method used to group specialists' areas of study in *Japanese Studies in the United States and Canada: Continuities and Opportunities*, published by The Japan Foundation in 2007 was applied. This was followed by a more detailed categorization using the list of disciplines outlined in the same volume, ensuring consistency with previous research (see Table 1). Together, these complementary frameworks offered both a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the academic scope of Japanese Studies courses across Canadian institutions.

Table 1: Category and Discipline of the Courses

Category	Discipline
Humanities	Anthropology
	Art, Art History, Performance Art
	Culture-Civilization
	Film Studies
	History
	Literature
	Philosophy
	Religion
Language- Linguistics	Language and Linguistics
Social Science	Anthropology
	Business
	Economics
	Political Science
	Sociology

Women's Studies

Other

Other

When applying the generalized categorization, the results indicate that the majority of courses fall within the fields of humanities and language-linguistics. Specifically, 385 courses representing 53% of the courses are categorized under humanities, while 263 courses representing 36% are focused on language and linguistics (see Table 2). This distribution underscores the central role of humanistic inquiry and language instruction in Japanese Studies across Canadian institutions, reflecting both traditional strengths and ongoing academic interest in Japan’s cultural, historical, and linguistic dimensions.

Table 2: Courses by Category

Category	Number of Courses	%
Humanities	388	53%
Language- Linguistics	272	37%
Social Science	65	8%
Other	14	2%
Total	739	100%

The use of the specific disciplines allows for a more detailed disaggregation of the broader categories, offering a clearer picture of the academic focus within Japanese Studies encompassing a wide range of academic disciplines including both courses that focus exclusively on Japan and courses that are multinational in content. Among these area studies courses, 15% focus on culture-civilization, 14% on history, 8% on religion and 5% on literature (see Table 3). This distribution illustrates the interdisciplinary nature of Japanese Studies in Canada and reflects the growing academic curiosity surrounding the country’s cultural and socio-political dynamics.

Table 3: Number of Courses by Discipline

Discipline	Number of Courses	%
Anthropology	13	1.8%
Art, Art History, Performance Art	26	3.5%
Business	3	0.4%
Culture-Civilization	113	15%
Economics	6	0.8%
Film Studies	41	6%
History	105	14%

Language and Linguistics	272	37%
Literature	38	5%
Philosophy	6	0.8%
Political Science	38	5%
Religion	58	8%
Sociology	2	0.2%
Women's Studies	4	0.5%
Other	14	2%
Total	739	100%

Taken together, both approaches to categorization reinforce the conclusion that Japanese Studies in Canada is deeply interdisciplinary yet rooted in a strong tradition of language learning and humanistic scholarship.

Undergraduate, Graduate, and Certificate Programs

Among the participating universities, 27 reported offering academic programs—at the undergraduate or graduate level, or as certificate programs—in Japanese Studies, East Asian Studies, or Asian Studies. Of these, 19 institutions had programs specifically focused on Japan, and 14 offered a dedicated Certificate in Japanese Studies. At the undergraduate level, 7 universities provided a BA program specifically in Japanese Studies, while 8 had a BA program with a concentration in East Asian Studies, and 9 offered a concentration in Asian Studies. At the graduate level, the University of Victoria stands out as the only institution to offer a dedicated MA in Japanese Studies. Additionally, six universities—McGill University, McMaster University, Simon Fraser University, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia and University of Toronto—offered graduate-level programs in East Asian Studies, or Asian Studies. Notably, three universities—McGill University, University of British Columbia, and University of Toronto—offer PhD programs specifically in East Asian Studies or Asian Studies, providing key opportunities for advanced doctoral research in this field within Canada. The trend suggests that Japanese Studies in Canada is primarily concentrated at the undergraduate level, with limited opportunities for advanced study. The prevalence of certificate programs also points to a demand for flexible, supplementary credentials.

Leading Institutions in Japanese Studies

Several universities stand out as leaders in the field based on the volume of their course offerings and the number of dedicated faculty members. The universities with the highest number of Japanese language and linguistics courses are the University of British Columbia standing out significantly with 16% of the total courses. Following at a distance are the University of Alberta, Université de Montréal, and the University of Calgary each offering 10%, 6%, and 5%,

respectively, of the courses. In the realm of area studies focused on Japan, the institutions offering the most extensive programs are the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Alberta, with 15%, 12%, and 10%, respectively, of all the courses. In terms of staffing, the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto collectively account for 26% of all faculty members and lecturers engaged in Japanese Studies, making them the primary academic centres for the field in Canada.

Francophone and Bilingual Opportunities for Japanese Studies in Canada

The teaching of Japanese Studies and related fields in French is primarily concentrated in the province of Quebec. Université de Montréal, Université Laval and Université du Québec à Montréal are three principal institutions offering courses and programs in Japanese Studies, Asian Studies or East Asian Studies entirely in French. Concordia University, McGill University and Bishop's University, although primarily English-speaking universities, also provide administrative and support services in French due to their location in Quebec, thus offering a degree of accessibility for Francophone students interested in pursuing Japanese and East Asian Studies. Additionally, the University of Ottawa, located in Ontario, serves as a bilingual institution where students can access courses in both English and French, including offerings related to Japanese Studies. It is notable that the Université de l'Ontario français, while not currently offering courses, has a specialist in Japanese studies, providing some opportunity for francophone community in Toronto.

Study Abroad Program

Among the 40 participating universities, 20 reported having study abroad programs in Japan, reflecting a notable level of engagement with international academic exchange. These programs include both long-term and short-term opportunities, with some lasting a full academic year and others limited to a single semester. The range of partnerships varies significantly across institutions. The University of British Columbia and University of Regina stand out with a high number of partner institutions in Japan—21 and 19, respectively—demonstrating a particularly robust commitment to fostering international connections. The two are followed by the University of Alberta, with 10 partnerships, and Saint Mary's University, the University of Toronto, and York University, each maintaining ties with nine Japanese universities. These partnerships provide valuable opportunities for Canadian students to immerse themselves in Japanese language and culture, further enriching their academic experience in Japanese Studies.

Trends in Course Offerings and Student Enrollment

Despite the strong curricular offerings, the trajectory of Japanese Studies courses appears relatively stable, though growth is modest. Only 13% of universities reported an increase in the number of courses being offered over recent years. 49% stated that the number of courses has stayed the same over the years. Similarly, only 10% of institutions noted an increase in student enrollment in

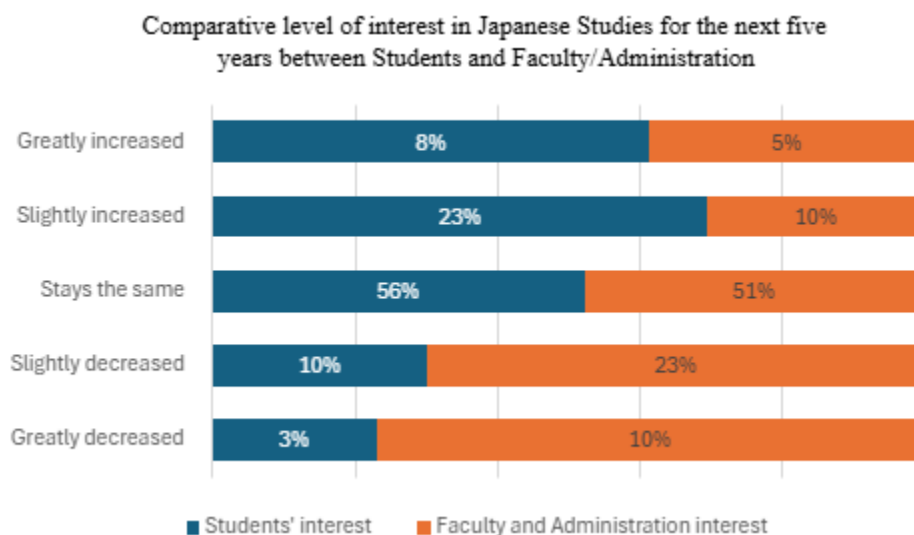
Japanese Studies. 23% observed no increase, and 54% reported steady enrollment rates. These findings suggest that while there is consistent interest in the field, there is limited upward momentum in terms of course expansion or student engagement at a national level.

Future Outlook

When asked to predict student interest in Japanese Studies over the next five years, 3% of universities anticipated a significant decrease, while 10% expected a slight decrease. 56% of the universities believe student interest will remain stable, and 23% forecast a slight increase. The remaining institutions, accounting for 8%, predicted a significant increase in student interest over the next decade.

A similar question was posed regarding the future level of interest and support from faculty and administration. 10% of universities predicted a significant decrease, 23% percent expected a slight decline, and 51% believed institutional support would remain constant. 10% foresaw a slight increase, while the remaining 5% expected a substantial increase in faculty and administrative interest in Japanese Studies (see Chart 1).

Chart 1: Level of interest in Japanese Studies over the next five years



While the overall trends in projected interest for Japanese Studies remain broadly similar between students and faculty or administration—most institutions anticipating stability or modest growth—a more pronounced decline is expected among faculty and administrative support. Specifically, while only 13% of universities foresee a decrease in student interest, a notably higher 33% predict a decline in faculty and administrative engagement. This suggests that although student interest may hold steady or grow slightly over the next five years, institutional backing from faculty and

administration may face greater challenges, potentially affecting the long-term sustainability of Japanese Studies programs.

Faculty and Staffing Challenges

As expected from the previous analysis of projected interest levels, universities highlight some staffing challenges. While 41% of universities report having enough professors to adequately support the Japanese Studies courses they offer, 44% of the institutions explicitly stated that they do not have sufficient faculty. Furthermore, only 8% of the institutions surveyed indicated that they have the capacity to find suitable replacements when professors retire while 49% stated that they do not have the capacity to do so. This data points a potential gap in succession planning and prompt reflection on the long-term sustainability of Japanese Studies programs.

Resources and Support for Students

Resource availability for students studying Japanese topics also varies widely among institutions. Only 21% of universities responded affirmatively when asked whether they have adequate academic and institutional resources to support students in Japanese Studies. 44% of the universities stated that they do not have enough resources, while the remainder reported uncertainty. The inconsistency in resource allocation may present challenges for students in fully engaging with the subject matter, which could impact the overall development of the program.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the 2024 update of the *Directory of Japan Specialists and Japanese Studies Institutions in Canada* highlights a field that remains stable and firmly grounded in interdisciplinary and humanistic scholarship, with language and culture at its foundation. Programs are concentrated in Canada's most populous provinces namely Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec. The distribution of course offerings demonstrate continued academic interest and a strong presence at the undergraduate level and a more selective range of opportunities for advanced studies with only seven universities offering a master's program and three offering a PhD program. Francophone and bilingual options are available at Université de Montréal, Université Laval, Université du Québec à Montréal, and the University of Ottawa, with additional support in French at Concordia and McGill due to their location in Quebec. Study abroad programs and inter-university partnerships continue to serve as important assets, providing students with meaningful experiential learning opportunities. However, the data also point to some challenges, particularly in faculty staffing, institutional support, and the availability of student resources. The modest growth in course offerings and enrolment, along with indications of potential declines in faculty and administrative engagement, suggest that there may be challenges ahead in ensuring the long-term vitality and development of Japanese Studies in Canada.

Annexe 1: List of Participating Universities

Province	Universities
Alberta	Athabasca University Mount Royal University University of Alberta University of Calgary University of Lethbridge
British Columbia	Camosun College Langara College Simon Fraser University Thompson Rivers University University of British Columbia University of British Columbia Okanagan University of Victoria Vancouver Island University University of the Fraser Valley
Manitoba	University of Manitoba University of Winnipeg
New Brunswick	Mount Allison University
Nova Scotia	Saint Mary's University
Ontario	Brock University Carleton University Huron University Laurentian University McMaster University Toronto Metropolitan University Université de l'Ontario français University of Guelph University of Ottawa University of Toronto University of Waterloo Wilfrid Laurier University York University

Prince Edward Island

University of Prince Edward Island

Québec

Concordia University

McGill University

Université de Montréal

Université Laval

Université du Québec à Montréal

Bishop's University

Saskatchewan

University of Regina

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COURSES OFFERED

Art, Art History, Performance Art

ARCH 300: History of Ideas in Architecture II

Philosophy

PHIL 380: Introduction to Eastern Philosophy

History

GLST 367: The Second World War

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Athabasca University's Library's collection possesses over 250,000 e-books, and over 100,000 print books, of which 3865 are related to Japan Studies.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JSE 101: Introduction to Japanese Language I-II Intensive Course

Language and Linguistics

JSE 150: Japanese Society and Culture

JSE 101: Introduction to Japanese Language I

JSE 102: Introduction to Japanese Language II

JSE 201: Intermediate Japanese Language I

JSE 202: Intermediate Japanese Language II

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The department offers a Major in Modern Languages, which requires two language Concentrations. Japanese Studies is one of the Concentrations available. There is also a Minor in Japanese Studies and a Micro certificate in Japanese Studies. The Concentration and Minor require at least a semester of study in Japan.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Japanese Studies can be one of the focuses of the Certificate in Modern Languages.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Doshisha University

Kansai Gaidai University

Okayama University

Tokushima University

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Yamaguchi Prefectural University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

DVDs

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

TOUR 2P98: Anime Tourism

TOUR/GEOG 4P32: Sustainable Rural Tourism

History

HIST 2P65: Late Imperial East Asia

HIST 2P66: Twentieth Century East Asia

Language and Linguistics

JAPA 1P00: Introductory Japanese 1

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COURSES OFFERED

Language-Linguistics

Japan 100: Introduction to Japanese 1

Japan 101: Introduction to Japanese 2

Japan 200: Second Year Japanese 1

Japan 201: Second Year Japanese 2

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COURSES OFFERED

History

HIST 2806A: Introduction to the History of the Civilization of Japan

HIST 3806A: Japan's Postwar History

HIST 4705: Seminar on different Japanese topics

Linguistics and Applied Language Study

JAPA 1010: First-Year Japanese I

JAPA 1020: First-Year Japanese II

JAPA 2110: Intensive Second-Year Japanese

JAPA 3020: Third-Year Japanese II

JAPA 4020: Fourth-Year Japanese II

Political Science

PSCI 4803: Foreign policies of major East Asian powers

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Minor in Japanese Language

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection is fully equipped with up-to-date printed, audio-visual and digitized English-language materials on Japan in all major fields.

OTHER COLLECTION

The Museum has Japanese items in its collection. Professor Tiampo - an authority on the GUTAI 具体 art movement- has organized various Gutai-focused events (exhibition and symposium) at Carleton.

OUTREACH / OTHER ACTIVITIES

A commemorative symposium on Abe Shinzō was held on September 21, 2022 with presentations by HE Ambassador Yamanouchi Kanji and Dr. Jacob Kovalio.

Japan Cultural Evenings and the *Japan Lecture Series at Carleton University* were held annually from 1994 until 2019 (discontinued during the Covid 19 pandemic) and will be renewed in late 2025.

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Mark K. Watson, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, PhD in Anthropology (University of Alberta)

COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

HIST 370: Japanese Popular Culture

History

HIST 263: History of Japan

HIST 373: The Pacific War

Religion

RELI 361: Religions of Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

No information

OUTREACH / OTHER PROGRAM

“Make Japan in 2025” is a short-term Design field school program in Japan, Students will have the opportunity to explore Japanese culture and its cultural manifestation through the study of a variety of mediums including design, architecture, space, art, fashion, visual communication, interaction and game design while spending approximately 16 days in Japan.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JPN1650F/G: Perspectives on Japan

JPN2601A/B: The Cultural Foundations of Modern Japan

JPN3750F/G: Senior Research Seminar

JPN3751 F/G: Senior Research Seminar II

Film Studies

Film Studies 2164A/B: Animation/Anime (Western)

Film Studies 3340F/G: Japanese National Cinema (Western)

Film Studies 3375F/G: Japanese New Wave (Western)

JPN3650F/G: Japan Through Film

JPN3651F/G: Japan Through Anime

History

History 1601E: Survey of East Asian history (Western)

History 1606F/G: China: Current Issues in Historical Context (Western)

History 2164A/B: Communist China from Mao to the Present (Western)

History 2605E: Survey of Japanese History (Western)

History 3265G/G: Racism in Canadian History (Western)

History 3604F/G Tokugawa Japan: Samurai, Peasants, Townsfolk, and Outsiders (Western)

History 3606F/G Japan and its Empire, 1864–1945: A Rising and Setting Sun (Western)

History 3609F/G Japan Since 1945 (Western)

History 4611F/G: Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China (Western)

Language-Linguistics

JPN1050: Japanese 1
JPN2250: Japanese 2
JPN3350: Japanese 3
JPN4450: Japanese 4
Japanese 3360: Intermediate Japanese Conversation 1
Japanese 3361: Intermediate Japanese Conversation 2

Philosophy

Philosophy 1050F/G: Non-Western “Philosophies” (King’s)
Philosophy 2111F/G: Asian Philosophy (Huron)
Philosophy 2226F/G: Introduction to Japanese Philosophy (King’s)
Philosophy 3001F/G: Topics in Asian Philosophy
Philosophy 3326F/G Special Topics in Japanese Philosophy (King’s)

Women’s Study

History 2610F/G: Women in East Asia

Other

JPN3950 F/G: Special Topics in Japanese Studies

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Japanese Studies Program at the Department of Chinese, Japanese and East Asian Studies offers the BA in Japanese Studies (major in Japanese Studies). Concentration on Japan: Japanese Studies Program offers the Japanese Studies minor and the Japan Studies minor. East Asia Studies at the Department of Chinese, Japanese and East Asian Studies offers the BA in East Asia Studies. Concentration of Japan and China: East Asia Studies offers the East Asia Studies minor.

Japanese Studies Program, the Department of French and Asian Studies:

- Major in Japanese Studies
- Minor in Japanese Studies
- Minor in Japan Studies

East Asia Studies Program, the Department of French and Asian Studies:

- Major in East Asia Studies
- Minor in East Asia Studies

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

ASIA1135: Introduction to East Asia (Japan)
ASIA1235: Contemporary Japan
ASIA2115: Japanese Society & Culture
ASIA2215: Japan Through Pop Culture

Language and Linguistics

JAPN 1115: Beginner's Japanese I
JAPN 1117: Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN 1210: Japanese Conversation I
JAPN 1215: Beginner's Japanese II
JAPN 1217: Intermediate Japanese II

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Associate of Arts in Asian Studies

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Diploma in Asian Studies

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COURSES OFFERED

Economics

ECON 2096EL: The Political Economy of Post-War Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTH 215: Introduction to East Asian Art

Art, Art History, Performance Art

EAST 215: Introduction to East Asian Art

Culture-Civilization

EAST 212: Introduction to East Asian Culture: Japan

EAST 364: Mass Culture and Postwar Japan

EAST 501: Advanced Topics in Japanese Studies I

EAST 515: Seminar: Beyond Orientalism

Film Studies

EAST 250: Introduction to Asian Media Studies

EAST 362: Japanese Cinema

EAST 467: Topics: Japanese Cinema

EAST 477: Media and Environment in Asia

EAST 560: Screen Cultures and Media Arts

History

HIST 208: Introduction to East Asian History

HIST 218: Modern East Asian history

HIST 443: Topics: Modern Japan

Language and Linguistics

EAST 240: First Level Japanese

EAST 241: Japanese Writing Beginners 1

EAST 242: Japanese Writing Beginners 2

EAST 305: Current Topics in Japanese Studies 1

EAST 340: Second Level Japanese

EAST 340: Second Level Japanese

EAST 341: Japanese Writing Intermediate 1

EAST 342: Japanese Writing Intermediate 2

EAST 440: Third Level Japanese EAST 491: Tutorial: East Asian Languages and Literatures 1

EAST 493: Special Topics in East Asian Studies I

EAST 494: Special Topics in East Asian Studies 2

Political Science

POLI 34:9 Foreign Policy: Asia

POLI 381: Politics in Japan and South Korea

Religious Studies

RELG 253: Religions of East Asia

RELG 352: Japanese Religions: History and Thought

RELG 368: Japanese Religions in Pop Culture

RELG 549: Japanese Buddhism in Historical Context

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Honours East Asian Studies

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Major Concentration East Asian Studies

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Major Concentration East Asian Studies

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Minor Concentration East Asian Cultural Studies

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Minor Concentration East Asian Cultural Studies

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Concentration on East Asia: Department of East Asian Studies offers the PhD in East Asian Studies. Department of East Asian Studies offers the MA in East Asian Studies.

DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Concentration on East Asia: East Asian Studies offers the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Concentration on East Asia: East Asian Studies offers the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship.

OTHER COLLECTION

There is a museum collection. There is a very small eclectic collection, including suits of “samurai” armor and 19th century artifacts.

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MCLENNAN LIBRARY

The library collection contains the following: 10,500 total volumes, 31 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 118 current periodical title(s), 6 current newspaper title(s), in Japanese.

The catalog may be accessed through: an online catalog accessible within the institution’s computer system; <https://www.mcgill.ca/library/> an online catalog accessible to outsiders through a computer network; the ISM (formerly UTLAS) system.

Audiovisual Materials

The audiovisual collection has the following Japanese language materials: 190 sound cassettes, 923 CD-ROM and DVDs, There are also 5 Databases.

Outside User Access

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library. an online catalog is accessible through the world wide web. There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users.

Library Organization

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of a CJK collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with all Asian language materials. The Japanese collection staff includes 1 professional FTE and 0.8 clerical FTE.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JAPANESE 2X03: Japanese Anime

Language and Linguistics

JAPANESE 1Z06 A/B S: Beginner's Intensive Japanese

JAPANESE 2Z03: Intermediate Intensive Japanese I

JAPANESE 2ZZ3: Intermediate Intensive Japanese II

Religion

SCAR 2F03: Storytelling in Asian Religions

SCAR 2TT3: Religion and Popular Culture in Contemporary Japan

SCAR 3E03: Japanese Film and Religion

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Minor in Japanese Studies

Minor in Asian Studies

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

MA (concentration in Asian religions available)

PhD (specialization in Asian religions available)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

No information

LIBRARY COLLECTION

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

GENV 1301 – Japanese Foodways

VMCS 2801 – Introduction to Anime as a Visual Medium and Global Cultural Product

VMCS 2131 – Death and Culture

VMCS 3131 – Happiness and Culture

Language and Linguistics

JAPA 1001 – Introductory Japanese I

JAPA 1011 – Introductory Japanese II

JAPA 2001 – Intermediate Japanese I

JAPA 2011 – Intermediate Japanese II

History

GENV 3321 – Geography of Japan

HIST 2731- Asia in World History

HIST 2741 – Asia, the World, and Big History

HIST 3761 – Japan and the Making of Modern Asia

HIST 4701 – Asia in War and Revolution

Religion

RELG 2411 – Mother Earth, Father Sky: Religion, Humans, and Nature

RELG 3101 – Buddhism

RELG 3311 – Religions of Japan

RELG 3411 – Gender Issues in Eastern Religions

RELG 4411 – Advanced Studies in Eastern Thought

RELG 4421 - Eastern Religions and the Challenge of Modernity

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Interdisciplinary B.A. Program
MINOR in Japanese Studies

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The Mount Allison Libraries have a collection of approximately 1,600 print books and 4,200 online books with the subject heading Japan. This collection includes books across a range of subject areas, including literature, geography, history, sociology, and politics. Through our consortial Novanet library system, which shares resources among 12 academic institutions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Mount Allison has access to around 14,000 books, journals, and other text resources with the Library of Congress subject heading "Japan." Multidisciplinary databases such as ProQuest One Academic, Ebsco All, JSTOR, Taylor & Francis, and NexisUni serve Japanese Studies broadly. The library also has access to streaming video via the Kanopy and Academic Video Online (AVON) databases.

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COURSES OFFERED

Language and Linguistics

JPNS 1105: Beginners' Japanese I

JPNS 1107: Beginners' Japanese II

Culture-Civilization

JPNS 2209: Japanese Culture

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Hirosaki University

Mukogawa Women's University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

MRU library has 477,075 records for Japanese-language items. Of these, the breakdown by format is as follows: Articles (454,767), Reports (19,880), Conference Proceedings (811), Book Chapters (488), Reviews (299), Images (238), Videos (189), Text Resources (181), Books (81), Journals (64), Dissertations (51), Magazine Articles (9), Maps (5), Datasets (3), Web Resources (2), Audio (1), Government Documents (1).

Setting aside language, in terms of items with Japan-related subject headings we have 269,170 records for items ranging from newspaper archives like Hokubei hōchi - 北米報知 to books on culture, art, technology, to business books on the history and success of Sanrio to works of literature, to journals, etc.

OTHER COLLECTION

We have a variety of Japanese books for learners in the office, including word and kanji dictionaries, as well as photo collections showcasing Japanese culture.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTH 2327: Japanese Society

Culture-Civilization

ASNT 1106: Introduction to Japanese Culture

ASNT 2303: Contemporary Japan: Institutions and Culture

JPNS 1106: Introduction to Japanese Culture

JPNS 3777: Japanese Aesthetics of Summer and Autumn

JPNS 3778: Japanese Aesthetics of Winter and Spring

Film Studies

ASNT 2220: Introduction to Asian Film

ASNT 3302: Japanese Film and Literature

History

HIST 1222: Introduction to East Asian History

HIST 2354: Japan before 1800

HIST 2355: Late Tokugawa and Imperial Japan: 1800-1945

HIST 2356: Japan since 1945

HIST 2422 The Asia-Pacific War, 1937-1945

HIST 4573: The Rise and Fall of the Japanese Empire

Language and Linguistics

JPNS 1100: Introductory Japanese

JPNS 1800-1825: Special Topics in Japanese

JPNS 1826-1849: Special Topics in Japanese

JPNS 2200: Intermediate Japanese

JPNS 2800-2825: Special Topics in Japanese

JPNS 2826-2849: Special Topics in Japanese
JPNS 3300 Advanced Japanese I
JPNS 3301 Advanced Japanese II
JPNS 3303: Advanced Japanese
JPNS 3800-3825: Special Topics in Japanese Language and Culture
JPNS 3826-3848: Special Topics in Japanese Language and Culture

Religious Studies

RELS 1222: Religions of Asia
RELS 2327: Buddhist Religious Tradition
RELS 2401: Religions of China and Japan

Women's Studies

HIST 4577: Gender in Modern East Asia

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on East Asia: Asian Studies offers the BA in Asian Studies. Asian Studies offers the minor in Asian Studies.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

No information

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan: Modern Languages offers the Certificate in Japanese Studies. Asian Studies offers the Certificate in Japanese Studies.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Hokkaido University of Education
Iwate University International center
Kumamoto Gakuen University
Rikkyo University
Sapporo University
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Hiroshima University
Tokyo Metropolitan
Kansai Gaidai University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The Asian Studies program has a small collection of films: 6 videocassettes and 40 CD/DVDs.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

GA303: Selected Topics in Global Japanese Studies

Film Studies

JAPN 351: Japanese Language and Culture through Film

History

HIST 206: Imperial Japan (1868-1952)

HIST 236: Japan from 1603 to 1867: Peasants, Merchants, Warriors

HIST 371: The Asia-Pacific War in Modern Japanese History

HIST 471: Women in Japanese History, 1600-1952

Language and Linguistics

JAPN 100: Introduction to Japanese I

JAPN 110: Introduction to Japanese II

JAPN 200: Japanese III

JAPN 210: Japanese IV

JAPN 300: Intermediate Japanese I

JAPN 301: Intermediate Japanese II

Literature

JAPN 360: Japanese Literature as World Literature

Political Science

POL 381: Japanese Politics

POL 341: Politics Across the Pacific

POL 446W: International Relations in East Asia

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Master of Arts in Global Humanities

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Japanese Studies Certificate Program

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Kansai Gaidai University

Kwansei Gakuin University

Kyoto University

Meiji Gakuin University

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Ritsumeikan University

Waseda University

JASSO Student Exchange Support Program

MEXT Scholarships

Mitsubishi Canada Limited Student Exchange Awards

Ritsumeikan University Scholarships

LIBRARY COLLECTION

There is a collection of Japanese books, movies, Japanese language reference items, and dictionaries and encyclopedias. 5 Journals and 2 newspapers are also available. There is also a Japanese Canadian Oral History Collection, comprising of interviews conducted by the National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre with Japanese Canadians on topics ranging from early immigration; participation in pre-World War II industries, and internment during World War II. Majority audio files are in English, with some Japanese files available.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JAPA 2600: Aspects of Japanese Culture 1

JAPA 2610: Aspects of Japanese Culture 2

Language and Linguistics

JAPA 1110: Introductory Japanese 1

JAPA 1210: Introductory Japanese 2

JAPA 2110: Intermediate Japanese 1

JAPA 2210: Intermediate Japanese 2

JAPA 1510: Japanese for Tourism

JAPA 2150: Oral Japanese 1

JAPA 2250: Oral Japanese 2

JAPA 2500: Japanese for Business 1

JAPA 2510: Japanese for Business 2

Other

GEOG3900: Geography of Selected Regions

GEOG 3700: Field Studies in Geography and Environmental Studies

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

In approximately 2006, at the request of Professor Joe Dobson, the Japan Foundation provided books for the TRU library connection.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

MLAN 2700: Field School in Modern Languages

Students travel to another country for the purpose of studying language and culture. Field schools may be offered in Chinese, German, French, Japanese, Spanish, or other languages which might be taught in the future in the Modern Languages program. Students gain an awareness of the value of diverse cultures and worldviews and reflect on and set goals for learning beyond their university experience. Field schools vary in length up to 6 weeks, and this may include classroom time prior to travel. Students may take this course more than once provided that the language of study is different each time.

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COURSES OFFERED

n/a

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Chiba Institute of Technology – MOU

Chiba University – MOU and exchange agreement

OUTREACH OR OTHER PROGRAMS

Toronto Metropolitan University has a global tech incubator, DMZ. DMZ has a hub in Japan <https://dmz.torontomu.ca/japan/>

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library does not collect Japanese language materials. There are many Japanese language eBooks and online journals accessible through library databases.

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COURSES OFFERED

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

No information

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANT 3164: Contemporary Japanese Society

ANT 3864: Japanese Culture

Culture-Civilization

AES1100: Introduction to Asian Studies

AES2015: Language, Culture, and Society in Asia

AES2070: Video Games Culture in East Asia

AES 2710: Chinese and Japanese Calligraphy

AES 2800: Religion and Popular Culture in Japan

AES 3022: Contemporary Japanese Culture

AES6000: Issues and Debates in Asian Studies

Film Studies

AES 3021: Japanese Cinema

History

HST1063: History of Japan

HST2624: History of Japan until 1868
HST2625: History of Contemporary Japan
HST3574: East Asia: Medicine and Colonization

Language and Linguistics

JPN1901: Japanese 1 [Level A1.1]
JPN1902: Japanese 2 [Level A1.2]
JPN1903: Japanese 3 [Level A1+]
JPN1904: Japanese 4 [Level A2.1]
JPN1905: Japanese 5 [Level A2.2]
JPN1906: Japanese 6 [Level A2+]
JPN1907: Japanese 7 [Level B1.1]
JPN1908: Japanese 8 [Level B1.2]
JPN1909: Reading in Japanese 1 (level B1)
JPN1910: Speaking in Japanese 1 (level B1)
JPN1911: Reading in Japanese 2 (level B2)
JPN1912: Speaking in Japanese 2 (level B2)
JPN1913: Reading in Japanese 3 (level B2)
JPN1914: Speaking in Japanese 3 (level B2)
JPN1915 : Tutorials [travaux dirigés] in Japanese (level B2+)

Literature

AES 2020: Literature of Traditional Japan
AES 2021: Contemporary Japanese Literature

Political Science

AES 3041: Political Economy of Modern Japan
AES3610: Political and Economic Issues in East Asia
AES3620: Cities in Asia: An Urban Revolution
HST 2625: Contemporary History of Japan
POL 3008: Security in East Asia
POL 3754: Japan
POL 3860: Political Regimes of East Asia

Religion

REL1250: Religion and Society in East Asia
REL 2255: Religions of Japan
REL6170: Religion, Politics, and Modernity in Japan
REL6171: New Religions and Spiritualities in Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

BA in Asian Studies

Concentration on East Asia: East Asian Studies program offers the Major in East Asian Studies.
East Asian Studies program offers the Minor in East Asian Studies.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Microprogram (Graduate Level) in Asian Studies
M.A in Asian Studies, currently in preparation.

DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

The Center of Asian Studies (CÉTASE) brings together professors from different disciplines at the Faculty of Arts and Science. Graduate students can write a Master's or a PhD thesis under the supervision of one of our Japanese specialists who teach in different units of the Faculty, including the following: Anthropology, History, Literatures and languages of the World and Religious Studies.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Microprogram in Japanese Language and Culture

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CENTRE DE DOCUMENTATION ROBERT-GARRY

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following: 7,508 total volumes, 38 current periodical title(s), in Japanese. It also contains: 17,575 total volumes, 60 current periodical title(s), 1 current newspaper title(s), in western languages.

The catalog may be accessed through: a card catalog on-site in the library;
<https://bib.umontreal.ca/> an online catalog accessible within the library.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

The audiovisual collection has the following Japanese language materials: 199 sound cassettes, 58 CD-ROM and DVDs, 56 videotapes.

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library. Outside users may be granted limited borrowing privileges by special arrangement.

There are charges for access to the Japanese collection materials by outside users through direct borrowing, interlibrary loan, or other means.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of an Asia collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with western language materials. The Japanese collection staff includes 3 professional FTE.

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE DES LETTRES ET SCIENCES HUMAINES

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following documents in Japanese in Humanities and Social Sciences: 8,000 total print volumes, 39 print periodical titles and 92 current electronic newspapers in Japanese.

It also contains the following documents about Japan in Western languages in Humanities and Social Sciences: 10,100 total print volumes and 181 periodical titles.

The catalog may be accessed through: <https://bib.umontreal.ca/sofia>, a publicly accessible online catalog.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

The audiovisual collection has the following Japanese language materials: 442 videos (DVD, Blu-ray, VHS) and 664 music recordings (CD, LP, eMusic).

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library.

There are charges for access to the Japanese collection materials by outside users through direct borrowing or other means.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered by the Bibliothèque des lettres et sciences humaines. Most of the Japanese language collection is shelved together with other Asian languages (such as Chinese and Korean) and with Western language materials within a section named « Espace Asie ». The Japanese collection staff includes a liaison Librarian for Asian Studies.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JPN1211: Langue, littérature et cinéma japonais I

JPN1115: Le Japon à travers sa culture populaire contemporaine

JPN1210: Le japonais à travers les mangas

Film Studies

JPN1111: Le cinéma d'animation et d'horreur japonais

History

HIS4622 : Le Japon et le monde (XVIIe-XXe siècles)

Language and Linguistics

JPN1280: Communication orale en japonais

JPN1008: Communiquer en contexte interculturel lors d'un séjour au Japon

JPN1118: Immersion linguistique et culturelle au Japon

JPN1110: Introduction à la langue et à la culture du Japon

JPN1100: Japonais I

JPN1200: Japonais II

JPN1300: Japonais III

JPN1400: Japonais IV

JPN1500: Japonais V

JPN1600: Japonais VI

Political Science

POL4036 – Système politique du Japon

Religion

REL2207: Religions de la Chine et du Japon

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Baccalauréat par cumul

<https://etudier.uqam.ca/baccalaureat-par-cumul-certificats>

Majeure en langues et cultures modernes

<https://etudier.uqam.ca/programme?code=6022>

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Microprogramme de premier cycle en japonais

<https://etudier.uqam.ca/programme?code=9147>

The Certificat en études japonaises (Certificate in Japanese Studies) is currently under development.

LIBRARY COLLECTION

While the university's own library is modest in size, students have convenient access to La Grande Bibliothèque, located adjacent to the campus. It offers extensive resources, including Japanese-language materials and media, as well as a wide collection of manga translated into French.

CONTACT

The "JPN" courses are offered under the **École de langues**, which is part of the **Faculté de communication**. For inquiries, please contact one of the following:

- **École de langues:** communication.langues@uqam.ca
- **Faculté de communication:** communication@uqam.ca

For inquiries specifically related to the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), please contact CECL:

- <https://cecl.uqam.ca/nous-joindre/>

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANT 1216: Anthropology of Japan

Language and Linguistics

JAP 1010: Beginner Japanese class I

JAP 1020: Beginner Japanese class II

JAP 2010: Intermediate Japanese class I

JAP 2020: Intermediate Japanese class II

JAP 3010: Advanced Japanese class I

JAP 3020: Advanced Japanese class II

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Micro-program in Japanese 12 or 18 credits

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following: 322 total volumes, 5 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 22 current periodical title(s), 22 periodical title(s) not currently being collected, 267 item(s) in other formats, 4 e-books, 2 e-periodicals, in Japanese. It also contains: 4,802 total volumes, 78 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 85 current periodical title(s), 9 periodical title(s) not currently being collected, 3,999 item(s) in other formats, 575 e-books, 56 e-periodicals, in western languages.

The catalog may be accessed through: an online catalog accessible within the institution's computer system; an online catalog accessible to outsiders through a computer network; the OCLC system for Japanese materials; the ISM (formerly UTLAS) system.

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Theses and rare book.

Quebec old textbooks (5000).

Government publication.

Outside User Access

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library.

There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users. They can come and view the documents on site, freely.

Library Organization

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of the general library collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with western language materials.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTHR 325: Anthropology of Japan

Art, Art History, Performance Art

EASIA 443: Japanese Theatre from the Noh to the Avant-garde

HADVC 217: History of Art, Design, and Visual Culture in Japan

Music 365: Topics in Ethnomusicology

Business

SEM 417: Managing the Work Force: International Perspectives

SEM 617: Managing the Work Force: International Perspectives

Culture-Civilization

EASIA 224: Interculturalism and East Asian Music
EASIA 225: Cultural Exchanges in East Asia
EASIA 240: Overview of Japanese Culture
EASIA 247: Samurai, Geisha, and Ghosts
EASIA 260: Popular Culture and Contemporary Japanese Society
EASIA 326: Otaku, Video Games, and Martial Arts: Cultural Interaction in East Asian Media
EASIA 324: Anime: Process, History, and Aesthetics
EASIA 343: Video Games and Japanese Culture
EASIA 347: The Japanese Supernatural

Economics

ECON 410: Pacific Rim Economic Development

Film Studies

EASIA 369: East Asian Cinema
EASIA 422: Urban Crime Film in East Asia
EASIA 461: Occult Clinephilia: Contemporary Japanese Horror in Film
FS 369: East Asian Cinema

History

HIST 280: East Asia to 1500
HIST 281: East Asia from 1500
HIST 382: Modern Japan
HIST 444: Gender and States in Transnational East Asia

Language and Linguistics

EASIA 211: Overview of the Japanese Language
EASIA 215: Linguistics in Japanese Everyday Life
EASIA 314: Japanese Pronunciation and Sound Structure
EASIA 315: Introduction to Japanese Linguistics
EASIA 316: Japanese Language and Society
EASIA 329: Poetry Translation Workshop
EASIA 346: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation
EASIA 415: Japanese Linguistics
EASIA 456: Languages and Cultures of the Ryukyus
EASIA 515: Japanese Linguistics
EASIA 575: East Asian Language Pedagogy
EASIA 556: Languages and Cultures of Ryukyus
JAPAN 101: Basic Japanese I
JAPAN 102: Basic Japanese II
JAPAN 150: First-Year University Japanese
JAPAN 201: Basic Japanese III
JAPAN 202: Basic Japanese IV

JAPAN 301: Intermediate Japanese I
JAPAN 302: Intermediate Japanese II
JAPAN 341: Classical Japanese I
JAPAN 401: Advanced Japanese I
JAPAN 402: Advanced Japanese II
JAPAN 429: Japanese-English Translation
JAPAN 500: Topics in Japanese Language
JAPAN 503: Colloquia in Japanese Language Research

Literature

EASIA 441: Topics in Japanese Literary History
EASIA 442: The Tale of the Genji
JAPAN 502: Methods of Research
JAPAN 598: Topics in Pre-Modern Japanese Literature
JAPAN 599: Topics in Japanese Literature, Premodern and Modern

Political Science

POL S 235: Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL S 375: Politics of East Asia
POL S 475: Politics of China and Japan

Religion

EASIA 223: East Asian Religions
EASIA 322: Buddhist art of Asia
EASIA 323: Topics in East Asian Religions
EASIA 325: Modern and Early Modern Japanese Religions
EASIA 423/JAPAN 523: Topics in Japanese Religions
EASIA 424: Revisioning Buddhism and Shinto
EASIA 524: Revisioning Buddhism and Shinto
RELIG 343: Zen/Chan Buddhism
RELIG 240: Introduction to Buddhism
RELIG 442/542: Studies in Buddhism
RELIG 443/543: Visual and Material Culture in Buddhism

Sociology

EASIA 101: Understanding East Asia

Other

EASIA 448: Topics in Japanese Studies
EASIA 599: Directed reading in East Asian Studies
Law 567: Pacific Rim Law
LIS 404: Comic Books and Graphic Novels in School and Public Libraries

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan: East Asian Studies offers the BA major. Certificate in Translation

Studies in Japanese offers the Bachelor of Arts. Concentration on East Asia: East Asian Studies offers the BA major in East Asian Studies. East Asian Studies offers the Bachelor of Arts minor East Asian Studies.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Interdisciplinary

Concentration on Japan: Interdisciplinary offers the MA in Japanese literature, religion, and culture. Concentration on East Asia: East Asian Studies offers an MA in East Asian Studies.

Disciplines and Professional Schools

Concentration on Japan: East Asian Studies offers an MA in Japanese Literature. The Department of East Asian Studies offers the MA in Japanese Linguistics.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan: Certificate in Translation Studies in Japanese offers the Bachelor of Arts.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Ritsumeikan University, summer program
Chiba University
Hokkaido University,
International Christian University
Kyoto University
Meiji University
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
Shizuoka University
Sophia University
Waseda University

MUSEUM COLLECTION

There is a museum collection. There is a collection of woodblock prints by Kunisada II of The Tale of Genji; other selected prints by premodern and contemporary artists; calligraphic works; tea ceremony utensils.

All information on these collections can be gotten from Museums and Collections, University of Alberta.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Short workshops for primary and secondary teachers. For Japanese language teachers in the province of Alberta. Other outreach programs: The Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research hosts the Alberta District Japanese Speech Contest, JLPT, and public talks annually.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA LIBRARIES - THE EAST ASIAN COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following: 11,297 total volumes, 3,123 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 21 current periodical title(s), 32 periodical title(s) not currently being collected, 3 current newspaper title(s), 266 item(s) in other formats, 2 e-periodicals, in Japanese. It also contains: 28,103 total volumes, 109 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 3 current periodical title(s), 3 periodical title(s) not currently being collected in Western languages. There is an audio-visual collection.

The audiovisual collection contains the following materials in Japanese: 13 sound cassettes. The audiovisual collection contains the following materials about Japan in English: 60 sound cassettes.

Library strengths: The collection is strong in modern women's literature. The catalogue may be accessed through an online catalogue accessible within the library; an online catalogue accessible within the institution's computer system; an online catalogue accessible to outsiders through a computer network.

Special Collections

Bruce Peel Special Collections Library: keeps some uncommon resources of Japan. Example: Nihon sankai meisai zue (Osaka, 1799).

Audiovisual Materials

The audiovisual collection has the following Japanese language materials: 13 sound cassettes, The audiovisual collection contains the following Japanese materials subtitled in English: 60 videotapes.

Database Access

Faculty and student users: CiNii; JapanKnowledge Classics; Meiji Japan; Foreign Office Filed for Japan, 1919-1952; Japan Times Digital Archives, 1897-2016; Japan: Records of the U. S Department of State, 1950-1959. Other databases with Asian-related content include: JSTOR; Asia-Studies Full-Text Online; Bibliography of Asian Studies; Historical Abstracts, MLA International Bibliography; ARTstor; Humanities International Complete; Humanities Index

Outside User Access

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library. Outside users may be granted limited borrowing privileges by special arrangement.

There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users. Outside users who are residents of Alberta may apply to the local public libraries for an Alberta Library Card, which allows them to borrow resources for home use from the University of Alberta Libraries.

Library Organization

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of the general library collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with Western language materials.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTH_V215: Japanese Popular Culture

Art, Art History, Performance Art

ARTH_V253: Asian Architecture: Sacred and Urban Spaces

ARTH_V362: Art in Japan: Objects and Spaces

ARTH_V363: Art in Japan: The Problem with Painting

ARTH_V368: Art in Japan: Print Media

ARTH_V369: Art in Japan: Modern Visual Culture

ARTH_V464: Seminar in Japanese Art

ARTH_V553: Studies in Japanese Art (A)

ASIA_V465: Japanese Horror

Culture-Civilization

ASIA_V200: Cultural Foundations of East Asia

ASIA_V326: Critical Approaches to Manga and Anime

ASIA_V444: Topics in Modern Japanese Fiction and Cultural History
ASTU_V201: Canada, Japan and the Pacific: Cultural Studies

Film Studies

ASIA_V354: Introduction to Japanese Cinema
ASIA_V462: Japanese Cinema and Genre
ASIA_V463: Japanese Documentary Media
ASIA_V535: Japanese Cinema Studies: Theory and Practice

History

ASIA_V314: Premodern Japan
ASIA_V315: Japan from Feudal to Modern State
ASIA_V344: Topics in Japanese Cultural History I: Aristocrats and Warriors
ASIA_V346: Topics in Japanese Cultural History II: The Early Modern Age
ASIA_V429: Rebels, Martyrs, and Outlaws in Early Modern Japan
ASIA_V528: Problems of Japanese Intellectual History
HIST_V271: Japan and Global History, 1550 - 1900
HIST_V376: Modern Japanese History Since 1830
HIST_V423: Economic and Business History of Modern Japan
HIST_V566: Readings in 20th-Century Japanese History
HIST_V568: Readings in Early Modern Japanese and World History
HIST_V569: Methodology and Sources in Japanese History
HIST_V570: Seminar in Japanese History

Language and Linguistics

ASIA_V362: Pre-Modern Japanese Fiction (in translation)
ASIA_V364: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation
ASIA_V454: Japanese Poetry in Translation
ASIA_V523: Topics in the History and Structure of the Japanese Language
ASIA_V524: Japanese for Specialists of China and Korea
JAPN_V100: Beginning Japanese IA
JAPN_V100-99A - Beginning Japanese IA (Online)
JAPN_V100-99C - Beginning Japanese IA (Online)
JAPN_V101: Beginning Japanese IB
JAPN_V101-99C: Beginning Japanese IB (Online)
JAPN_V160: Intensive Beginning Japanese I
JAPN_V200: Beginning Japanese II A
JAPN_V201: Beginning Japanese II B
JAPN_V204: Basic Japanese Grammar
JAPN_V260: Intensive Beginning Japanese II
JAPN_V261: Enriched Summer Intensive Beginning Japanese
JAPN_V320: Intermediate Japanese I A
JAPN_V321: Intermediate Japanese I B

JAPN_V322: Intermediate Japanese II A
JAPN_V323: Intermediate Japanese II B
JAPN_V342: Reading Course in Japanese for Honours Students
JAPN_V360: Intensive Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN_V361: Intensive Intermediate Japanese II
JAPN_V400: Advanced Modern Japanese: Reading and Writing I
JAPN_V401: Advanced Modern Japanese: Reading and Writing II
JAPN_V402: Advanced Modern Japanese: Conversation and Composition I
JAPN_V403: Advanced Modern Japanese: Conversation and Composition II
JAPN_V422: Classical Japanese I
JAPN_V423: Classical Japanese II
JAPN_V424: Japanese for Professional Life I
JAPN_V425: Japanese for Professional Life II
JAPN_V450: Advanced Oral Communication I
JAPN_V451: Advanced Oral Communication II
JAPN_V452: Readings in Modern Japanese Essays
JAPN_V453: Readings in Modern Japanese Literature
JAPN_V456: Newspaper Japanese I
JAPN_V457: Newspaper Japanese II
JAPN_V459: Topics in Japanese Language, Culture, and Society
JAPN_V460: Grammatical Analysis of Japanese I
JAPN_V461: Grammatical Analysis of Japanese II
JAPN_V465: Japanese Media and Translation
JAPN_V470: Supervised Study in the Japanese Language
JAPN_V472: Tutorial in Japanese for Honours Students

Literature

ASIA_V254: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Japanese Literature and Film
ASIA_V316: Race and Ethnicity in Japanese Literature and Film
ASIA_V349: Ecoculture and Literature in Japan
ASIA_V445: Japanese Crime Fiction
ASIA_V453: Japanese Travel Literature
ASIA_V455: Adaptations of Japanese Classics
ASIA_V532: Topics in Traditional Japanese Literature
ASIA_V533: Topics in Modern Japanese Literature

Political Science

ASIA_V410: International Relations in Premodern East Asia
ASIA_V430: International Relations in Modern East Asia: Korea and Japan
ASTU_V202: Canada, Japan and the Pacific: Political, Economic and Geographical Perspectives
IAR_V507: East Asian Organizations in Comparative Perspective
IAR_V512: Multinational Firms and Policy Issues in Asia-Pacific
IAR_V515: Topics in Asia Pacific Policy Studies

IAR_V516: Issues in East Asian Diplomacy
POLI_V322: Japanese Government and Politics
POLI_V330: Japanese Political Economy
POLI_V365: Asian International Relations

Religion

ASIA_V110: Introduction to Religions in Asia
ASIA_V387: Japanese Religions
ASIA_V525: Topics in the Social History of Japanese Religions
JAPN_V462: Researching Modern Japanese Religions

Women's Studies

ASIA_V464: Japanese Women's Self-Writing

Other

ASIA_V212: Writing About Japan
ASIA_V521: Research Methods and Source Materials in Japanese Studies
LAW_V338-D: Japanese Law

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan:

- Asian Studies offers a Major in Japanese.
- Asian Studies offers a Minor in Japanese.

Concentration on Asia:

- Asian Studies offers a Major in Asian Area Studies.
- The International Relations program offers regional specialization in Asia.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on Asia:

- Institute of Asian Research offers an MA in Asia Pacific Policy Studies.

Concentration on Japan:

- Various departments offer the PhD. Asian Studies offers a PhD in Japanese.
- Asian Studies offers an MA in Japanese.

Concentration on Asia: Institute of Asian

- Research offers the Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Concentration on Asia:

- Institute of Asian Research offers the Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Aoyama Gakuin University

Doshisha University
Hitotsubashi University
Hokkaido University
International Christian University (ICU)
Keio University
Kwansei Gakuin University Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Study Program
Kyoto University
Nagoya University
Osaka University
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)
Ritsumeikan University
Sophia University
Sophia University Summer Sessions
Tohoku University
Tokyo University of Agriculture
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)
University of Tokyo
University of Tsukuba
Waseda University
Waseda University Summer Session

OTHER COLLECTION

There is a museum collection. The Museum of Anthropology contains some Japanese artefacts and a complete collection of representative local crafts from all prefectures. There are also some antique Noh-masks in the Centre for Japanese Research.

There is a performing arts program. An Asian Theatre course is listed in the Department of Theatre. On occasion, interested faculty members organize performances and demonstrations.

PUBLICATIONS

There is a publications program.

Journal: Pacific Affairs. (Quarterly, English). Asia Pacific Memo. (Twice a week, English).

OUTREACH / OTHER ACTIVITIES

Outreach activities include: Research conferences Organized by members of all units. Cultural performances: Organized irregularly, often in conjunction with community groups or the Japanese Consulate General. Exhibitions: Organized irregularly, often in conjunction with community groups or the Japanese Consulate General.

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CENTRE FOR JAPANESE RESEARCH

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Faculty research seminar, guest speakers from Europe and Asia.
Close connection with Consule General of Japan in Vancouver.
The newsletter sent out every two weeks

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INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

There is a publications program. *Asia Pacific Memo*. (Twice per week, English).

Newsletter: *Asia Pacific Report*. (Twice/yr.,).

Occasional papers: *Institute of Asian Research Occasional Papers [IARO]*. (1983 - 1994,).

Research reports: *Canada and the Changing Economy of the Pacific Basin Working Papers [CCEPB]*. (1983 -,).

Research reports: *Nitobe-Ohira Memorial Conference on Japan Studies: Selected Papers*. (1984 -,).

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Outreach activities include: Regular faculty research seminar: Institute of Asian Research: Ongoing activities sponsored by the Institute and its five constituent centres (Japan, Korea, China, SE Asia, S Asia).

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DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Outreach activities include: Regular faculty research seminar: Asian Studies: Occasional presentations by visitors.

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ASIAN LIBRARY

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The University of British Columbia (UBC) Library's Japanese collection has seen significant growth and development over the years. As of April 2022, the collection comprises approximately 250,000 Japanese language books and e-books. The collection is particularly robust in areas such as literature (both classical and modern), history, religious studies, economics, and fine arts. Notably, UBC Library houses one of the world's largest collections of maps and guidebooks from Japan's Tokugawa period (circa 1600-1867). In addition to its extensive holdings, the library offers access to a variety of Japanese research databases, including:

- Asahi Shinbun Cross-Search: A comprehensive newspaper database covering publications from 1879 to the present.
- JapanKnowledge Lib: A reference database containing dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other resources.
- Yomidas (Yomiuri Database Service): Provides full-text articles from the Yomiuri Shinbun newspaper dating back to 1874.

These resources are invaluable for researchers and students engaged in Japanese studies.

SPECIAL COLLECTION(S)

- Japanese Government Publications: Since 1959, UBC Library has been a Canadian depository for Japanese government publications, receiving materials from the National Diet Library through an official exchange program. This initiative enriches UBC's collection with a wide array of governmental documents, supporting research across multiple disciplines.
- Japanese Maps of the Tokugawa Era: This collection comprises approximately 501 items, including flat maps, scrolls, and monographic volumes, making it one of the largest of its kind outside Japan. The entire collection has been digitized, providing access to rare and unique cartographic materials from the Tokugawa period (circa 1600-1867). These items are housed in the Rare Books and Special Collections at UBC Library.
- Japanese-Canadian Research Collection: This archival collection consists of approximately 50 small collections donated by individuals and organizations, encompassing 2.5 meters of textual records and around 750 photographs. The materials document various aspects of Japanese-Canadian history, including relocation to internment camps during World War II, farming, lumbering, religious activities, personal reminiscences, and organizational records from 1900 to 1970.
- Japanese Law Books and Serials: UBC's Law Library maintains a collection of Japanese legal materials, including books and serials, supporting comparative legal studies and research in Japanese law.
- These collections collectively provide valuable resources for scholars and students engaged in Japanese and Japanese-Canadian studies.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

The University of British Columbia (UBC) Library's Japanese audiovisual collection encompasses a diverse range of materials, including sound cassettes, CD-ROMs, DVDs, videotapes, and video games. While specific quantities of these items are not detailed in the available sources, the collection is known to feature Japanese language materials, with a selection subtitled in English to support non-Japanese speakers.

DATABASE ACCESS

The University of British Columbia (UBC) Library provides access to several key Japanese databases for faculty, students, and on-site visitors:

- Asahi Shinbun Cross-Search (formerly Asahi Kikuzo II Visual): This comprehensive newspaper database offers full-text articles from the Asahi Shinbun dating back to 1879. It also includes content from weekly magazines such as Aera and Shūkan Asahi, as well as access to the Chiezō new-word dictionary, the Asahi Person Database, and the Asahi Historical Photo Archive. Access is available to UBC students, faculty, staff, and on-site library users. Please note that OpenAthens authentication is not supported for this resource; walk-in users should contact the Asian Library Circulation for access.
- JapanKnowledge Plus: This extensive reference database encompasses a wide range of resources, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, and primary source documents. It serves as a valuable tool for research across various disciplines related to Japan. Access is restricted to UBC students, faculty, staff, and on-site library users. Remote access requires authentication through UBC's network
- Zassaku Plus (formerly Koseisha Zasshi Kiji Sakuin Shūsei Database): This database provides citation information for articles published from the Meiji period onward, including the complete National Diet Library periodicals index. It is particularly beneficial for researchers seeking resources published before 1948. Access is limited to UBC students, faculty, staff, and on-site library users. Remote access requires authentication through UBC's network.
- For remote access to these databases, UBC affiliates should use the university's VPN or other authentication methods as specified by the library. On-site visitors are encouraged to contact the Asian Library Circulation Desk for assistance with access.

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

- Visiting the Library: External users are welcome to visit UBC Library branches and utilize materials on-site without any application. This includes access to most physical collections and study spaces. However, accessing rare or special materials may require prior arrangement. It's advisable to contact the specific library branch in advance to ensure availability and to schedule a viewing.
- Borrowing Materials: To borrow materials, external users can obtain a Community Borrower Library Card. This card is intended for personal use and is non-transferable. The fees are \$200 for a 12-month period or \$60 for four months. Seniors aged 65 and over are eligible for a reduced rate of \$60 per year. Applications can be made at the Koerner Library

Circulation Desk or the Okanagan Library, requiring government-issued photo ID and proof of a local address. Most books can be borrowed for two weeks and are renewable if not requested by another borrower. Certain materials, such as course reserve items, journals, reference books, and some videos, may not be available for borrowing due to licensing restrictions.

- Interlibrary Loan (ILL): Individuals affiliated with other libraries can request UBC Library materials through interlibrary loan services at their home institutions. UBC Library lends various materials, including books, government publications, and microforms, to other libraries, companies, or organizations. Individuals should initiate requests through their local libraries. Fees for ILL services vary depending on the type of institution requesting the material.
- Access to Online Databases: Due to licensing agreements, remote access to many online databases is restricted to current UBC students, faculty, and staff. However, walk-in users can access most electronic resources using library branch computers. It's important to note that some resources may still be restricted. Community members, alumni, and public users can obtain a generic OpenAthens access account or apply for their own OpenAthens account at the circulation desk of the branch they are visiting.
- Charges and Applications: While there are fees associated with borrowing materials and interlibrary loan services, accessing and using materials within the library premises is generally free. No application is necessary to use the collection on-site. For access to rare materials, it's recommended to contact the library in advance to make necessary arrangements.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The University of British Columbia (UBC) Asian Library administers its Japanese language collection as part of a comprehensive Asian collection, which also includes Chinese and Korean materials. These collections are shelved together within the library to facilitate interdisciplinary research and ease of access. The Japanese Studies Librarian, responsible for managing the Japanese collection, is Tomoko Kitayama Yen. She serves as the primary contact for inquiries related to Japanese studies resources.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JPST_O 215: Introduction to Contemporary Japan Through Pop Culture

JPST_O 300: Japanese Through Manga: Business Culture

JPST_O 370: Japanese Food Culture

Film Studies

JPST_O 354: Introduction to Japanese Cinema

Language and Linguistics

JPST_O 100: Beginning Japanese Language I

JPST_O 101: Beginning Japanese Language II

JPST_O 200: Discover Japan through Language I

JPST_O 201: Discover Japan through Language II

WRLD_O 158: Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture: Modern Japanese

Literature

JPST_O 395: Topics in Modern Japanese Literature and Culture

WRLD_O 388: Modern Memoirs and History: China, Japan and Korea

WRLD_O 480: Modern Japanese Literature and the Invention of Japaneseness

WRLD_O 482: Voices from the Margins: Minority Writing from Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

JPST 395B: Film Adaptations of Japanese Literature (GoGlobal Summer Seminar in Japan)

JPST 395C: Japanese Food Culture (GoGlobal Summer Seminar in Japan)

Students have the opportunity through the GoGlobal program to study at several different sister universities in Japan.

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Small collection of dictionaries, grammar reference books and monthly magazines supplied by Japan foundation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UBC Okanagan has a significant collection of books and audio video resources in the university library relevant to Japanese Studies, and students have access to the full UBC collection in Vancouver.

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COURSES OFFERED

Art, Art History, Performance Art

JPNS 423: Advanced Manga Studies

Culture-Civilization

JPNS 201: Introduction to Japanese Popular Culture

JPNS 323: Critical Approaches to Manga and Anime

JPNS 325J: Japanese Video Games and Gaming Culture

JPNS 461/CHIN 461: Japanese-Chinese Cultural Relations

JPNS 317.01: Japanese Civilization

JPNS 317.03: Japanese Cultural History in the Present Day

EAST 201: Understanding Contemporary East Asia

Film Studies

JPNS 317.02: Japanese Cinema

Language and Linguistics

JPNS 205: Beginners' Japanese I

JPNS 207: Beginners' Japanese II

JPNS 301: Continuing Japanese I

JPNS 303: Continuing Japanese II

JPNS 331: Intermediate Japanese I

JPNS 333: Intermediate Japanese II

JPNS 371: Intermediate Skills in Japanese Communication

JPNS 373: Intermediate Skills in Japanese Writing

JPNS 441: Advanced Conversational Japanese

JPNS 451: Japanese Through Texts

JPNS 471: Introduction to Classical Japanese

EALS 501: Advanced Research in East Asian Languages

Literature

JPNS 327: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation

Political Science

EAST 401: East Asia in a Global World

Other

EAST 531: Issues and Methods in East Asian Studies

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

B.A. in East Asian Language Studies (Japanese Concentration)

**Please note that this degree is currently suspended as of Fall 2025 by the Faculty of Arts and cannot accept new students at the moment.*

Minor in Japanese (active)

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Senshu Summer Program:

JPNS 309.01: Wisdom, Imagination, and Creation

JPNS 309.02: Longing, Memory, and Inheritance

JPNS 310: Topics in Japanese Language in an Immersion Setting I

JPNS 312: Topics in Japanese Language in an Immersion Setting II

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TAYLOR FAMILY DIGITAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following: 1,978 total volumes, 15 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 74 current periodical title(s), 2 current newspaper title(s), 51 item(s) in other formats, 35 e-periodicals, in Japanese. It also contains: 12,225 total volumes, 3,427 microfilm reel(s) and fiche card(s), 440 current periodical title(s), 3,133 item(s) in other formats, 4,371 e-books, 175 e-periodicals, in western languages.

The catalog may be accessed through: an online catalog accessible online to everyone; an online catalog accessible within the institution's computer system;

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library. Scholars may visit the collection by special arrangement and use materials inside the library. Outside users may be granted limited borrowing privileges by special arrangement. Certain digitized materials are available to outside users through a document retrieval system.

There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users. Access is by a) community readers fee = \$50.00/yr b) interlibrary loan c) Internet.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of the general library collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with western language materials. The Japanese collection staff includes 1 professional FTE.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTH2230: Regional Ethnography: Japanese Society

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

No Japanese-Language Collection

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JPST 3400/ ASIA 3400: Japanese Society and Culture

ASIA 2020: Japan, Asia, and the World

ASIA 2008/JPST 2008: Themes in Japanese Society

ASIA 2600/JPST 2600: Study Tour of Japan

History

HIST 2290: Main Themes in East Asian History

HIST 3290: Japan, 1570 to 1890

HIST 4040: Seminars in East Asian History

Language and Linguistics

JPNS 1000: Beginner's Japanese I

JPNS 1100: Beginner's Japanese II

JPNS 2010: Intermediate Language I

JPNS 2020: Intermediate Language II

JPNS 3001: Advanced Japanese

Religion

RELS 2200: The Buddhist Tradition

RELS 2360: Japanese Religions

RELS 3300: Studies in East Asian Religions

RELS 4110: Seminars in Eastern Religions

Sociology

ASIA 1000: Introduction to Asia

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Modern Languages and Linguistics Department offers the six-course Japanese Minor.

A six-course Japanese minor can be added to majors in B.A., B.Sc., and B.A.Sc. degree programs.

A Japanese Language Education minor is available for B.A./B.Ed. or B.Sc./B.Ed. students.

Japanese can also be a stream for a General Major in the Humanities.

A six-course Asian Studies minor is offered across the University and can include Japan-related courses (listed above).

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

There is an audio-visual collection. The audiovisual collection contains the following materials in Japanese: 45 videocassettes.

It might be possible to find out how many CDs/DVDs we have in Japanese in house, but audio-visual materials are now available online through library digital resources like Hoopla.

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

ASIA 2170 Introduction to Japanese Culture

ASIA 3370: The Strange and Fantastic in East Asian Culture

ASIA 3910: Language and Script in East Asia

Film Studies

ASIA 2600: Japanese Film

ASIA 3320: Science Fiction in East Asia

History

ASIA/HIST 1420: Asian Civilizations to 1500

ASIA/HIST 1430: Asian Civilizations from 1500

Language and Linguistics

ASIA 1770: Introduction to Japanese

ASIA 2770: Intermediate Japanese

ASIA 3770: Advanced Japanese

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Asian Studies Centre offers B.A. major and minor programs.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Akita International University

Kakugakuin University

Sophia University

Waseda University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Collection of reference books and Japanese language teaching materials. 100 or more volumes. There is an audio-visual collection. The collection contains the following materials in Japanese, subtitled in English: 45 videocassettes.

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ELIZABETH DAFOE LIBRARY

LIBRARY COLLECTION

The library collection contains the following: 1,000 total volumes, 1 current periodical title(s), 2 periodical title(s) not currently being collected, in Japanese. It also contains: 5,000 total volumes, 25 current periodical title(s), 15 periodical title(s) not currently being collected, 10 item(s) in other formats, in western languages.

Library strengths: A large proportion of the Japanese collection is yet to be catalogued and made available for searching through the online catalogue. The collection is strong in the history books covering Japan's transformation period from a feudal society to a modern nation state.

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection freely and use materials inside the library. Scholars may visit the collection by special arrangement and use materials inside the library.

There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users. Outside users may request the items held in the University of Manitoba Libraries through interlibrary loan by initiating the request at their affiliated libraries.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of the general library collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with western language materials.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANT 3307: Contemporary Japanese Society/ Société japonaise contemporaine
ANT 33073: Contemporary Japanese Society / Société japonaise contemporaine

Culture-Civilization

JPN 2101: Introduction to Japanese Culture
JPN 2501: Introduction à la culture japonaise

Language and Linguistics

JPN 1901: Introduction to Japanese I / Cours élémentaire de japonais I
JPN 1902: Introduction to Japanese II / Cours élémentaire de japonais II
JPN 2901: Intermediate Japanese I / Cours intermédiaire de japonais I
JPN 2902: Intermediate Japanese II / Cours intermédiaire de japonais II
JPN 3901: Advanced Japanese I / Cours avancé de japonais I
JPN 3902: Advanced Japanese II / Cours avancé de japonais II

Religion

SRS 3318: Religion in China and Japan
SRS 3718: La religion en Chine et au Japon

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Minor in Asian Studies

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Asian studies.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

LIBRARY COLLECTION Morisset Library provides access to 20,025 books and 884 films/videos related to Japan Studies. It also provides access to three primary source databases (Meiji Japan: the Edward Sylvester Morse collection from the Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum, 1705-1985, 1877-1925/Records of the Far Eastern Commission, 1945-1952/Asia and the West: Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange).

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COURSES OFFERED

History

AST-2020/HIST-2920: Introduction to East Asia

Language and Linguistics

AST-1011: Introduction to Japanese I

AST-1021: Introduction to Japanese II

Religion

RS-2210: Buddhism East and West

RS-2510: Japanese Religion and Culture

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Concentration on Asia: Asian Studies Program offers the Asian Studies Minor.

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COURSES OFFERED

Art, Art History, Performance Art

ART 290JP / 890JP: The Art of Kyoto

Film Studies

FILM 286AA: Anime: Popular Animation from Japan

History

HIST 250: Modern Dragons: Revolutionary China and Japan

HIST 255: Japan of the Samurai

HIST 256: History of Modern Japan

HIST 356: Japanese Imperialism in China, Korea and Taiwan

Language and linguistics

JAPN 111 - Introductory Japanese I

JAPN 112 - Introductory Japanese II

Religion

RLST 209: Japanese Religions

RLST 211: East Asian Religions

RLST 363: Storytelling in Asian Religions

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

History (B.A., B.A. Honours)

Religious Studies (B.A., B.A. Honours)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

NA

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Kansai Gaidai University

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies
Sophia University
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Yamaguchi University
Tenri University
Aichi University
Chiba University
Dokkyo University
Josai International University
Kanagawa University
Kindai University
Kyoto Women's University
Meiji Gakuin University
Meikai University
Osaka Institute of Technology
Rikkyo University
Seijo University
Tokyo Metropolitan University
Tsuru University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Small audio-video collection of Japanese film (videocassettes, DVD, Blu-ray)

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JPNS 233.3: Pop Culture and Cinema in Japan

JPNS 300.3: Experience Based Learning Japanese Culture

History

HIST 295.3: Japanese History to 1600

HIST 296.3: Japanese History from 1600 to yesterday

Language and Linguistics

JPNS 114.3: Introductory Japanese I

JPNS 117.3: Introductory Japanese II

JPNS 214.3: Intermediate Japanese I

JPNS 217.3: Intermediate Japanese II

Political Science

POLS 341.3: Asian Government and Politics of East Asia

Religion

HIST 341.2: History of Buddhism

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Japanese Language and Culture

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Kyushu University
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University of Tsukuba
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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

JAPN 251: Introduction to Japanese Society and Culture

Language and Linguistics

JAPN 101: Japanese Language I

JAPN 102: Japanese Language II

JAPN 103: Japanese Study Tour: Language and Culture

JAPN 201: Intermediate Japanese I

JAPN 202: Intermediate Japanese II

History

HIST 115: Traditional East Asian Civilizations

HIST 116: Modern East Asia: From 1600 to Recent Times

HIST 236: Modern Japan: Society and Culture from Samurai to Anime

HIST 386: History of East Asian Communities in North America: Migration, Denial, and Belonging

HIST 482: Under the Shogun: Social History of Early Modern Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Japanese language proficiency certificates

LIBRARY COLLECTION

No information

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANT194H: Human-nonhuman relations through Manga & Anime
ANT472H: Japan in Global Context: Anthropological Perspectives

Art, Art History, Performance Art

FAH205H Clay: A Material and Visual Art History
FAH260H: The Artistic Landscape of East Asia
FAH262H: Art and Visual Experience in Modern and Contemporary East Asia
EAS467H1: Photographic Narratives of Japan
EAS355H1: The Art and Politics of Video in Japan
EAS447H1: Sound Studies and Modern Japan
EAS449H1: Future, Architecture, Japan
EAS1447H: Sound Studies and Modern Japan
EAS1449H: Future, Architecture, Japan

Culture-Civilization

EAS274H Popular Culture in East Asia
EAS296H1: Topics in East Asian Studies
EAS311H1: A History of Japanese Monsters

EAS343H: A History of Sushi
EAS354H: Body, Movement, Japan
EAS396H: Special Topics in East Asian Studies
EAS477H1: Samurai Culture
EAS496H1: Advanced Topics in East Asian Studies
EAS2020H: Critical Approaches to East Asia
EAS1300HF: Special Topics in Japanese Studies
EAS1477H: Samurai Culture
EAS1497H: Special Topics in East Asian Studies
EAS1475HF: Contemporary Cultural Theories

Economics

EAS247H1: History of Capitalism in Modern Japan
EAS248H1: Marxism and East Asia
EAS347H1: Everyday Life in Modern Japan
EAS348H1: Gift, Plunder, and Exchange: Japan and World History

Film Studies

EAS242H1: Japanese Cinemas I: Film Form and the Problems of Modernity
EAS243H1: Japanese Cinemas II: Film Form and the Problems of Modernity
EAS431H1: Advanced Seminar in Japanese Cinema
EAS1431H: Advanced Seminar in Japanese Cinema

History

EAS103H1: Premodern East Asia
EAS105H1: Modern East Asia
HIS107Y1: Approaches to East Asian History
EAS245H1: Premodern Japanese History
EAS246H1: Early Modern Japanese History
JHA384H1: Japan in the World, Mid-16th to Mid-20th century
EAS374H1: Modern Japan and the Colonial Question
EAS375H1: Postwar Japan: Crisis, Apocalypse
EAS378H1: Urban Life in Early Modern Japan
EAS384H1: Medieval Japan
JHA394H1: The Asia Pacific War
EAS450H1: History of the USA in the Pacific, the 19th century
EAS457H1: Modern Japanese Historiography
HIS1662H: Rethinking Modernity Through Japan
HIS1677H: Empire and Nation in Modern East Asia

Language and Linguistics

EAS120Y1Y Modern Standard Japanese I
EAS151H1: Modern Standard Japanese I-a

EAS152H1: Modern Standard Japanese I-b
EAS252H1: Modern Standard Japanese II-a
EAS253H1: Modern Standard Japanese II-b
EAS350Y1: Modern Standard Japanese III
EAS451H1: Modern Standard Japanese IV-a
EAS453H1: Modern Standard Japanese IV-b
EAS1115Y: Reading Japanese for Graduate Purposes

Literature

EAS1541H A Comparative History of Reading in East Asia and Beyond
COL5101H Diasporic Cities: Itinerant Narratives of Metropole by Travellers and Expatriates
COL5132H The Palliative: Art, Politics, Ecology, Medicine
EAS235H1: Perceptions of China in Japanese Literature
EAS263H1: Classical Japanese Literature
EAS327H1: Japanese Fiction and the Nation
EAS330H1: Narrative Strategies in Modern Japanese Fiction
EAS362Y1: Classical Japanese
EAS363H1: Classical Japanese Part I
EAS365H1: Classical Japanese Part II
EAS456H1: Japan as Seen By ?: Reference, Apparatus, Operation
EAS470H1: "Post-Fukushima" Literature and Culture
EAS1444H: The City, Body, and Text in Modern Japanese Literature

Political Science

GLA2036H: Bilateral Diplomacy: Canada-Japan and US-Japan Relations
POL307H1: Japanese Politics
EAS350H1: Ideology and Japan
EAS476H1: Social Protest in Modern East Asia

Religion

EAS361H1: Zen Buddhism
EAS427H1: The Kyoto School: Now, Then, To Come
RLG2045H: Modern Buddhist Fiction

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan: Department of East Asian Studies offers the East Asian Studies BA Programs.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Interdisciplinary

Concentration on East Asia: Department of East Asian Studies offers the East Asian Studies PhD. Department of East Asian Studies offers the East Asian Studies MA.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Kyoto University
Aoyama Gakuin University
Nihon University
Akita International University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University
Kwansei Gakuin University
Keio University
Osaka University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

There is an audio-visual collection. The audiovisual collection contains the following materials in Japanese: 8 sound cassettes, 18 videocassettes.

OTHER COLLECTION

There is a museum collection. The Royal Ontario Museum, adjoining the University of Toronto, has a Japanese collection that includes the Bishop White Collection of Japanese woodblock prints. A Far Eastern curatorial department keeps the collection in order. A library of reference books related to Japanese arts is kept as part of the curatorial resources.

OUTREACH / OTHER ACTIVITIES

Outreach activities include: Regular faculty research seminar: Japan Seminar Series, often in collaboration with the Asian Institute. Research conferences: Organized by individual faculty members; we also have an annual graduate student conference. Short workshops for primary and secondary teachers: Language teaching workshops.

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CHENG YU TUNG EAST ASIAN LIBRARY

With currently over 200,000 volumes in various formats (i.e., print monographs, periodicals, microfilm reels and fiche, etc.), the collection of Japanese materials at the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library is the largest in size in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Our areas of strength are in the humanities and social sciences, with a particular focus on history and literature of all periods (classical and modern) as well as in the areas of philosophy, religion,

politics and government, anthropology, sociology, women's studies and film studies. In addition to our print collection, the library subscribes to several full-text newspaper databases, full-text databases and citation index databases. It is also gradually expanding the acquisition of Japanese electronic books.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

Japan-related audiovisual collections that include documentary and feature films are available in the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library as well as in the Media Commons Library. In addition to the physical holdings in videocassettes and DVD formats, Japanese content can be found in streaming platforms licensed by the library.

DATABASE ACCESS

- Asahi Shinbun Cross Search (former Kikuzo II Visual for libraries)
- Bibliography of Asian Studies
- Japan Colonial Periodicals of Taiwan
- Japan Times Archives (English)
- JapanKnowledge Lib (includes add-on contents such as Dai Kan-Wa Jiten, Kokushi Daijiten, as well as JK Books)
- KinoDen (Kinokuniya Digital Library; selected titles)
- Koseisha Zasshi Kiji Sakuin Shusei Database
- Maruzen eBook Library (selected titles)
- Nikkei Asia (former Nikkei Asian Review)
- Nikkei Telecom 21
- Yomidas Rekishikan Taiwan Nichinichi Shinpo

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

TCards are currently required to enter the Robarts Library Building.

For external researchers/visitors to access the Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library located on the 8th floor of the Robarts Library building, please go to [Members of the public | University of Toronto Libraries \(utoronto.ca\)](#) to complete the online form to request visitor research access to the Robarts Library building.

Please note that the approval for all incoming requests is administered by the Robarts Library's User Services team instead of by individual libraries in the building. It is important to clearly outline the purpose of your visit in the online form.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of a CJK collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with Chinese and Korean materials. Please note that a substantial number of our holdings have been transferred to the University of Toronto Libraries's offsite storage at Downsview.

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COURSES OFFERED

Art, Art History, Performance Art

PAAS488: Japanese Fantasy

AHVS373A: Japanese Art and Architecture

Culture-Civilization

PAAS180: Premodern Japanese Culture

PAAS280: A Taste of Japan

PAAS345: Japanese through Popular Culture

PAAS380: Japanese Economy, Politics and Culture

PAAS385 / GNDR385: Sex, Gender and the Body in Japanese Culture

PAAS481: Transcultural Japan

PAAS181: Modern Japanese Culture

PAAS252: Pop Cultural Asia

PAAS485: Seminar in Japanese Language, Literature and Culture

Film

PAAS393: Humanism in Japanese Cinema to the 1960s

PAAS484: Identity in Animated Japanese Cinema

PAAS487: Trends in Japanese Cinema, 1960 to Present

Language and Linguistics

PAAS138: Intensive Beginner Japanese I
PAAS238: Intensive Beginner Japanese II
PAAS338: Intermediate Japanese
PAAS341: Advanced Readings in Japanese I
PAAS342: Advanced Readings in Japanese II
PAAS343: Advanced Comprehension and Conversation in Japanese
PAAS344: Advanced Composition in Japanese
PAAS432: Directed Readings in Japanese
PAAS238: Intensive Beginner Japanese II
PAAS338: Intermediate Japanese
PAAS399/LING396: Sociolinguistic Issues in Japanese
PAAS386: Premodern Japanese Literature in Translation
PAAS388: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation

Literature

PAAS430: Seminar in Modern Japanese Literature

Pacific & Asian Studies

PAAS305: Religions of East Asia

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Concentration on Japan: Pacific and Asian Studies offers an undergraduate Minor in Japanese studies.

Concentration on East Asia: Pacific and Asian Studies offers a BA in Pacific and Asian Studies, with three possible paths: Experiential Learning; Language and Culture; or Language Intensive. In all of these, students may focus on Japan, although only the Language and Culture and Language Intensive make it possible for students to focus exclusively on Japan.

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Concentration on Japan: Pacific and Asian Studies offers an MA in one of two streams: Regional (Area) Studies, or Literary and Textual Studies. In both of these, students may focus exclusively on Japan.

DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Concentration on Japan: Pacific and Asian Studies offers the MA.

Concentration on East Asia: History in Art offers the MA in Art History. Concentration on Asia: Business offers the International Business.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Concentration on Asia: Business offers the International Business.

Concentration on Japan: Pacific and Asian Studies offers a Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency: Japan

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

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LIBRARY COLLECTION

We have a small reading room with a selection of basic reference works: dictionaries, encyclopaediae, collected works (zenshu) and periodicals. Some of these duplicate library collections.

The University library itself, the Meares Centre for Learning, has a reasonable collection of material supporting Japanese Studies, in both English and Japanese. Materials cover Japanese history, international relations, theatre, literature, cinema, arts, crafts, language-learning, and so on.

OTHER COLLECTION

There is a museum collection. The library has a collection of rare books and photographs.

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COURSES OFFERED

Anthropology

ANTH 382/EASIA 382R: Anthropology of East Asia

Business

EASIA 303R: Business Environment in East Asia

Culture-Civilization

ENGL 262 /EASIA 262R: Manga

ENGL 294: Introduction to Critical Game Studies

EASIA 203R: Japanese Culture and Society

EASIA 120R/RCS 123: Monsters and Magic in Japanese Popular Culture

EASIA 337R: Japanese Popular Culture

History

HIST 233: Modern Japan

EASIA 220R: The History of East Asian Communities in Canada

HIST 208: The Samurai

HIST 231R: The History of East Asian Communities in Canada

HIST 268: A Global History of Empires

Language and Linguistics

JAPAN 201R Second-Year Japanese 1

JAPAN 202R Second-Year Japanese 2

JAPAN 301R Third-Year Japanese 1

JAPAN 302R Third-Year Japanese 2

JAPAN 391 R: Special Topics

JAPAN 101R First-Year Japanese 1

JAPAN 102R First-Year Japanese 2

JAPAN 111R: Japanese for Business 1

JAPAN 112R: Japanese for Business 2 EASIA 101R: Learning East Asian Languages

Literature

EASIA 362R: Introduction to Pre-Modern Japanese Literature

EASIA 363R: Introduction to Early Modern Japanese Literature

Political Science

EASIA 300R/ PSCI 310: Politics and Diplomacy of Contemporary Japan

EASIA 277R/PSCI277: International Relations of East Asia

Religion

EASIA 206R/RCS 206 Japanese Religion and Spirituality

EASIA 275R/RCS 275: Religion and Japanese Film

EASIA 205R / RSC 201: Religions of East Asia

Other

PSYCH 352: Cultural Psychology

EASIA 291R: Special Topics in East Asian Studies

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Diploma in Japanese Language I
Diploma in Japanese Language II

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Akita International University
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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

EALC-2721 / REL-2721: Traditional Japanese Culture
EALC-2724 / REL-2724: Popular Culture in Japan
EALC-2725 / REL-2725: Food in Japanese Culture
EALC-2785: Conceiving Japan and Its World
EALC-3720/ REL-3720/ 4720: Topics in Japanese Culture & Society
EALC-3721/ REL-3721: The Age of the Samurai
EALC-2720: Japanese Civilization

Languages and Linguistics

EALC-1100: Introduction to Japanese Language
EALC-2100: Intermediate Japanese Language
EALC-3100: Advanced Japanese
EALC-3150: Translating Japanese to English
EALC-3057: Introduction to Classical Japanese

Religion

EALC-2708/ REL-2708: Religion in Japanese Life

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

East Asian Languages and Culture

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

n/a

LIBRARY COLLECTION

There is no dedicated library for Japanese Studies at the University of Winnipeg. However, we have special collections in the field:

2015 – Japan Foundation Research Centre Grant

2024 – Consulate General of Japan in Calgary, Read Japan Grant

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Language and Linguistics

JAPA100: Basic Japanese I

JAPA101 Basic Japanese II

JAPA 111: Introduction to Spoken Japanese I

JAPA 112: Introduction to Spoken Japanese II

JAPA 200: Intermediate Japanese I

JAPA 201: Intermediate Japanese II

JAPA 211: An Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society I

JAPA 212: An Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society II

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

n/a

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Proficiency in Language and Culture in Japanese

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

J.F. Oberlin University

Rikkyo University

LIBRARY COLLECTION

There are over 100 items on Japanese language and culture in English, including video/audiotapes and books.

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COURSES OFFERED

Film Studies

FS239: Japanese Film

FS270: The Animated Film (includes Japanese anime)

FS329: Asian Americans in American Film

FS333: East Asian Film

FS336: Asian Extreme Cinema

FS444g: Japanese Science Fiction

History

HI224: The Asian World in Ascendancy 300 BCE-1600 CE

HI228: Survey of Modern Asian History

HI249: The Second World War in Asia

HI307: Modern Japan

HI392: Popular Cultures of Contemporary East Asia

Political Science

PO370: Political Economy of Eastern Asia

Religion

RE251: Asian Religions: China and Japan

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

BA Film Studies

BA History

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Akita International University

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COURSES OFFERED

Culture-Civilization

AP/JP 2700 6.00: Contemporary Japanese Culture and Society

AP/JP 3600 3.00: Japanese Popular Culture: manga and anime

AP/JP 3610 3.00: Japanese Popular Culture: beyond manga and anime

History

AP/HIST 1030 6.00: Imperialism and Nationalism in Modern Asia

GS/HIST 5480 3.00: The Marking of Asian Studies: Critical Perspectives

GS/HUMA 6135 3.00: The Marking of Asian Studies: Critical Perspectives

Language and Linguistics

AP/JP 1000 6.00: Elementary Modern Standard Japanese

AP/JP 2000 6.00: Intermediate Modern Standard Japanese

AP/JP 2010 6.00: Intermediate Written Communication in Japanese

AP/JP 3000 6.00: Advanced Modern Standard Japanese

Women's Studies

AP/HIST 4765 6.00: Rethinking Gender in East Asian History

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

East Asian Studies offers the BA (Honours) Major and the BA (Honours) Minor.

Japanese Studies offers the BA (Honours) Minor.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics offers the Certificate in Japanese Language.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Aoyama Gakuin University
Dokkyo University
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The library collection contains the following: 723 books, 21 current periodical title(s), 20 maps, 25 scores, 22560 e-books, 3162 e-periodicals, in Japanese.

It also contains: 14770 books, 43768 e-books, 202 periodicals, 3498 e-periodicals, 8 maps, 16 score, in English languages.

The catalog may be accessed through: an online catalog accessible to outsiders through a computer network; <http://www.library.yorku.ca>.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

The audiovisual collection has the following Japanese language materials: 764 videos, 91 streaming video, 90 audios, 160 streaming audio.

The audiovisual collection contains the following materials in English: 724 video, 55 streaming video, 53 audio, 73 streaming audio.

The audiovisual collection contains the following Japanese materials subtitled in English: 106 CD-ROMs and DVDs, 45 videotapes.

OUTSIDE USER ACCESS

Outside users may request materials through interlibrary loan. Outside users may visit the collection

freely and use materials inside the library.

There are no charges for access to the collection by outside users.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

The Japanese language collection is administered as part of the general library collection. The Japanese language collection is shelved together with western language materials. The Japanese collection staff includes 0.1 professional FTE.

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