Japanese Studies

ABOUT JAPANESE STUDIES

Monash has one of the most extensive Japanese Studies programs in Australia, engaging you with Japanese language, culture and society. Flexible entry points and pathways ensure language study at a level that suits your background. Elective units stimulate areas of interest and study abroad opens a world of possibilities.

Why choose Japanese Studies?
Japanese Studies facilitates intercultural communication and provides other skills that prepare graduates for work, research and exchange with Japan. Communicating in Japanese and being sensitive to diverse international contexts are useful complements to any course of study. The program covers a number of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary areas of Japanese Studies and leads to an understanding of Japan within broader Asian contexts.

What are some topics Japanese studies explores?
You will undertake six Japanese language units combined with two Japanese studies units, which reflect the key strengths of the program in linguistics/applied linguistics, socio-cultural studies, history and translation. Here are a few examples:

- Contemporary Japan
- Japanese popular culture and identity
- Japan as empire: From Meiji to 1945
- Social institutions and power in Asia
- Studies in Japanese interaction and language use
- Japanese: Language and society
- Translating across cultures

How Japanese fits into your Arts degree
Japanese studies is offered as a major, a minor or simply as elective units within your degree.

Career prospects
Japan is an economic and strategic partner with Australia and key in the Asian region. Our graduates work all over the world using Japanese, intercultural and other skills in areas such as:

- Government
- Corporate and tourism sectors
- Language education
- Trade
- International relations
- Law

Overseas opportunities
We offer numerous opportunities to study in Japan through exchange programs with prominent universities. Several of our partner universities also offer short-term intensive language programs in summer and winter. Various scholarships are available from the university and from the Japanese Government.

Location: Caulfield and Clayton

Available as: Major, Minor, elective units or as Diploma of Languages

Language entry levels
- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Proficient

Keep in mind that even if you have no language experience at all, you can still enrol to learn a language. You would enter at the introductory level.

To ascertain which level would be best for you, there are online language placement tests monash.edu/arts/language-entry-level/

Complementary areas of study
Expand your knowledge with a Japanese thread through:

- Asian studies units within International studies
- Linguistics
- History
- Education
- Business
- Economics

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-japanese-studies