

Recommended First Quarter Schedule

| Course | Units |
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| Japanese Language Course (JPN 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6)* | 5 |
| Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition | 4-4.5 |
| GE Course** | 3-4 |
| GE Course** or First Year Seminar | 1-3 |
| Total Units: | 13 - 16 |

Alternative Courses

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| *Language course dependent upon placement exam results. Students with no Japanese language background should begin with JPN 1. |
| **Japanese courses will give sufficient Arts and Humanities GE credit, so students may want to consider fulfilling Social Science or Science & Engineering GEs. |
| ^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied. |
| Explore First Year Seminars: https://fys.ucdavis.edu/ |

First Quarter Schedule Notes:

- If you placed into a specific language course, you cannot backtrack to a lower level language course (for example, if you place into JPN 5, you cannot backtrack into JPN 4 without instructor or advisor approval).
- Students should avoid taking more than two major courses in any quarter during their first year.
- Do not enroll in upper division Japanese literature courses (upper division courses are numbered 100 or above) unless you speak with the major advisor first. If you want to try out a literature course, try JPN 10 first.

Placement Exams

Required

Foreign Language: Regardless of your AP/IB exam scores, all students interested in taking Japanese language courses must take the foreign language placement test through the UC Davis Language Center. An oral assessment with Professor Nobuko Koyama following the computerized test is also required. A student's score determines which language level you start with at UC Davis.

Not Required

Math: The Japanese major does not require the Math Placement Exam. If you plan to take Math courses, be sure to review the placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Chemistry: The Japanese major does not require the Chemistry Placement Exam. If you plan to take Chemistry courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Computer Science: The Japanese major does not require Computer Science courses. If you plan to take Computer Science courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Recommended First Year Goals

- Complete one full year of a language sequence (JPN 1-3, 4-6, or 111-113).
- Meet with your major advisor to make an academic plan for Japanese.
- Read the East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) weekly newsletter email for information on study abroad programs, internships, and course offerings.
- Attend Japanese tutoring in Sproul Hall!
- Explore a new area of interest through your GE courses –there are many majors and minors that would complement your Japanese major!

AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

| AP/IB Exams | Score | UCD Course | Can repeat for credit at UCD? |
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| AP Japanese Language and Culture | 3, 4, 5 | No equivalent placement – take the foreign language placement exam through the UC Davis Language Center. | No placement; N/A. |
| IB HL Japanese A1 | 5, 6, 7 | | |
| IB HL Japanese A: Language and Literature | 5, 6, 7 | | |
| IB HL Japanese A: Literature | 5, 6, 7 | | |
| IB HL Japanese B | 5, 6, 7 | | |

Please note: This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for Japanese.
 For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements>

WHAT CAN I DO WITH CHINESE AND JAPANESE?? 🙄

Anything and everything! Think this way: **transferable skills.**

GROWTH MINDSET 🌱

It is difficult to learn the nuances of a new language. Majoring in Chinese or Japanese demonstrates self-motivation. It reveals an ability to push through challenges and receive constant feedback with a growth mindset.

PUBLIC SPEAKING 🗣️

It's hard enough to speak in front of people in your native tongue, but in a foreign language too?! Chinese and Japanese classes foster confidence through oral presentations and in-class discussions.

CRITICAL THINKING 💡

It is crucial that you know how to analyze issues in the world. Chinese and Japanese classes shed light on diverse perspectives and help you evaluate new ideas.

CULTURAL HUMILITY 🌈

In an increasingly diverse and yet polarized world, it is important to develop a framework of cultural humility and compassion for people of all backgrounds.

WRITING 📝

It is so important that you know how to effectively articulate your thoughts in the professional world. Chinese and Japanese literature and culture classes can sharpen your written communication skills.

TEAMWORK 🤝

Chinese and Japanese classes are often organized around working in groups or pairs! These classes foster your ability to work with people of different cultural backgrounds—to overcome issues and make decisions together.

LASTLY, REMEMBER... MAJOR \neq CAREER

What you study gives you an education with which you can enter many career fields. 🤖

Additional information:

Course Placement: Students must take the placement test (online or in-person) through the Davis Language Center before enrolling in Japanese language classes. Part 1 is the computerized placement test. You may register in the course you are placed in based on Part 1. However, do not forget Part 2 - an oral interview with the Japanese program coordinator (Professor Nobuko Koyama, nkoyama@ucdavis.edu), which should be taken as soon as possible (i.e., before or during the first week of fall quarter).

If you place into JPN111, 112, 113, 121, 122, or the 130s series (third-and fourth-year Japanese language and translation courses), you may consider enrolling. However, you should speak with your major advisor first. Keep in mind that these are upper division courses with intensive language study; students should only take three courses their first quarter if they take one of these courses, as to not overload themselves.

Alumni spotlights:

<https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/alumni-spotlights>

Study abroad opportunities:

<https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/global-learning>
<https://globallearning.ucdavis.edu/>

Japan Children's Home Internship Program:

<https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/japan-childrens-internship-program>

More information on Japanese courses:

<https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/japanese-courses>

FAQs: <https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/frequently-asked-questions-1>

<https://ealc.ucdavis.edu/frequently-asked-questions-0>

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