



Podcasts for Anime and Manga Careers

Overview

This guide introduces English-language resources for students who want to learn more about the anime and manga industry. Some of these are podcasts, some are interview or commentary series, and some are broader websites that help students understand fandom, publishing, licensing, criticism, and media culture. Use them as starting points, and compare several sources so that you can distinguish fan opinion, journalism, criticism, and industry information.

The Anime Effect: An official Crunchyroll show that treats anime as culture, not just as episode-by-episode review material. It is especially useful for students interested in how anime connects with fashion, music, sports, creators, fandom, and broader media conversations.

<https://www.crunchyroll.com/series/G4PH0WJPQ/>



Trash Taste: One of the most accessible entry points for students who want to hear anime discussed alongside internet culture, life in Japan, content creation, and contemporary fandom. It is informal, personality-driven, and useful for seeing how anime culture overlaps with other media spaces.

<https://www.patreon.com/cw/trashtaste/> / <https://www.youtube.com/@TrashTaste>



The ANN After Show: Produced by Anime News Network, this is a strong resource for anime news, industry context, and broader fan discussion. Students who want more than fandom chatter can use this show to follow how professional journalism approaches new releases, trends, and controversies.

<https://www.animenewsnetwork.com/anncast/>



Tokyo Podfathers Podcast (The /r/Anime Podcas)t: A community-centered podcast that reflects online anime discourse more directly than official media outlets. This can help students understand how fan communities respond to trends, controversies, and seasonal shows in real time.

<https://www.youtube.com/@TokyoPodfathersAnimePodcast>



Anime Addicts Anonymous: A long-running podcast that mixes reviews, news, and personality-driven discussion. It is useful for students who want to hear how anime fandom has developed over time and how longer-running fan communities talk about the medium.

<https://www.aaapodcast.com>



Otaku Spirit: A broad anime discussion platform with both website and YouTube presence. It is a good example of community-oriented coverage that follows seasonal anime, fan reactions, and general industry conversation without being limited to one narrow format.

<https://otakuspirit.com/> / <https://www.youtube.com/OtakuSpirit>





Get In The Mecha: This podcast is especially useful for students interested in criticism and cultural analysis. It discusses anime through questions of identity, politics, representation, and media studies, showing that anime can be studied as a serious cultural form.

<https://getinthemecha.home.blog/> / <https://www.youtube.com/@getinthemecha>



Baka Banter Podcast: A conversational podcast about anime, manga, light novels, and online culture. It works well for students who want to see how anime and manga are discussed as part of a larger media ecosystem rather than as isolated hobbies.

<https://bakabanter.com>



Waifu and Weebos: A more casual, hangout-style fandom podcast. Students can use it to hear how anime functions in everyday fan communities, especially when conversation moves from individual titles to habits, preferences, and social identity.

<https://podscan.fm/podcasts/waifu-and-weeaboos-1>



Manga Mavericks: An especially valuable resource for students who are more interested in manga, publishing, licensing, translation, and the business side of the industry. It offers useful context for understanding how manga circulates internationally and how that connects with the anime industry.

<https://mangamavericks.com/>








The Anime Nostalgia Podcast: A history-focused resource that helps students move beyond what is currently popular. It is useful for understanding older anime, changes in fandom over time, and the longer historical development of the medium outside Japan.

<https://animenostalgia.blogspot.com/>



Links

- Japanese Option webpage: <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/> 
- Japanese Option Blog: <https://chrysanthemum.commonsgc.cuny.edu> 
- Japanese Option Discord: Contact tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu for the invitation link 
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