



# Liberal Arts Japanese Option Welcome Orientation (Spring 2025)

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# Announcements

## Congratulations to the Gilman Winners

- Congratulations to Laniel Collazo and Quashawna Hutcherson for their Gilman award for Summer 2025. They both received \$5,000 for their summer study abroad trip to Japan.

### 30 CUNY Students Awarded Prestigious Gilman Scholarships

January 9, 2025

*Offered by the U.S. Department of State, the Scholarship Funds Study Abroad Opportunities for Undergraduates who Are Traditionally Underrepresented in International Education Programs*



## Self introduction (in Japanese style) (1)

- Make five business cards (write down your name, e-mail (optional), phone (optional), and interests).



## Self introduction (in Japanese style) (2)

- Watch JapanTravelTV (<https://youtu.be/of8UgykfUbw?t=21>) about how to exchange business cards in Japan



## Self introduction (in Japanese style) (3)

### Self-introduction in the Japanese business style

- Meet with five new people that you have never spoken with.
- Exchange your business cards (properly!)
- Comment on at least one thing about your partner (e.g., "Oh, you like fine art. Me too" etc).



## Welcome to the Japanese Option (1)

- Welcome to the Japanese Option! We are pleased to see you and are looking forward to working with you in your academic endeavor at LaGuardia Community College.

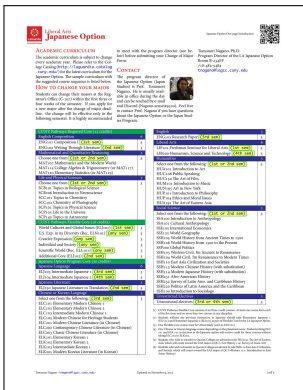


# Welcome to the Japanese Option (2)

- This information sheet has a lot of useful information for new students (<https://bit.ly/LG-JPNew>)



The left page of the Japanese Option information sheet features a top header with the "Lafayette College Japanese Option" logo, a QR code, and the title "Japanese Option for new students". Below the header is a large photograph of a traditional Japanese festival scene with people in a boat on a river. The main text includes sections on "ABOUT JAPANESE OPTION" (describing the program's goals and requirements), "Why Study Japan" (listing benefits like language skills and cultural understanding), "How to Apply" (detailing the application process, including essays and a language test), and "FIND MORE INFORMATION" (providing contact details for the program director and advisor).



The right page of the Japanese Option information sheet continues with "ACADEMIC CURRICULUM" (outlining required and elective courses for Japanese Studies majors and minors) and "CONTRACT" (providing contact information for the program director and advisor). Below the text is a detailed grid of course numbers, titles, and credit hours for the required curriculum, organized by semester and quarter. The grid lists various courses such as "JST-101 Japanese Language I", "JST-202 Japanese Language II", and various electives in Japanese history, culture, and literature.

# Outline of this Orientation Presentation (1)

## Quick Facts about the Liberal Arts Japanese Option

- **Faculty**

- Three full-time faculty with specialization in linguistics, history, and psychology. All full-timers hold doctoral degrees in their specialities.
- Five part-time faculty with specialization in the Japanese language and literature

- **Curriculum**

- Japanese language, Japanese literature, Asian art, East Asian history, religions and social psychology in Asia

- **Transfer**

- CUNY: Articulated with Queens (East Asian Studies) and Hunter (Japanese Language & Culture)
- Private institutions: To be articulated with Temple University (Japan Campus)

- **Goal**

- To foster students' interest in Japanese culture (such as anime, manga, games, and other pop culture) into professional skill sets for future employment.



# Japanese Option: Faculty (& Alumni) (1)



## Meet Japan Studies Faculty



**Abdallah Alsallal**  
MA in Applied Linguistics  
**Courses:** Japanese and Arabic languages



**Eunji Kim**  
MA in Applied Linguistics  
**Courses:** Japanese and Korean languages



**George Tsouris**  
MA in Education & Philosophy  
**Courses:** Philosophy and Japanese literature



**Kyoko Toyama**  
Ph.D. in Psychology  
**Courses:** Japanese language & Counseling



**Lisa Hofmann-Kuroda**  
Ph.D. in Japanese  
**Courses:** Japanese language and literature



**Miho Fujimori**  
MA in Education  
**Courses:** Japanese language



**Nhia Borja**  
MA in Linguistics  
**Courses:** Japanese language



**Robin Kietlinski**  
Ph.D. in History  
**Courses:** History

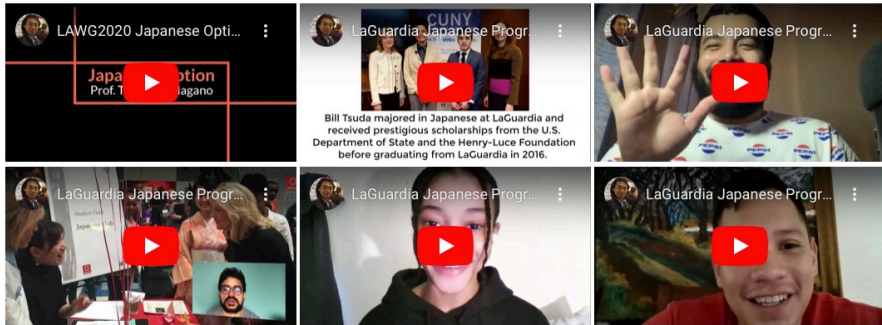


**Tomonori Nagano**  
Ph.D. in Linguistics  
**Courses:** Japanese language

Are you interested in learning Japanese or major in Japan Studies? Visit the Japan Studies webpage at <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/> or contact Prof. Tomonori Nagano at [tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu) / [718-482-5484](tel:718-482-5484) / [B-234FF](ext:1234).

## Japanese Option: Faculty (& Alumni) (2)

- Alumni voices



<https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/>

# Japanese Option: Curriculum (1)

## Things to Know about the Japanese Option Curriculum

- The curriculum of the Japanese Option
- DegreeMap (<https://www.laguardia.edu/degreemaps/>)
- DegreeAudit (<http://degreeworks.cuny.edu/>)



# Japanese Option: Curriculum (2)

- DegreeMap (<https://www.laguardia.edu/degremaps/>)

### Liberal Arts: Japanese Option Associate of Arts | Degree Map

Follow this map to graduate in two years, though other paths are possible. Contact an advisor through My LaGuardia for additional support, and see reverse for more information.

	Course	Category	Priority	Credits	Session
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	EL101 First Year Seminar for Liberal Arts	PC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
	ENG121 English Composition I	RC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
	MAT127, 113 or 125 Mathematics Required Core Course Option	MC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
	EL111 Elementary Japanese I Humanities Course Option (see back)	PC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	ENG122 English Composition II	RC	X	3	I
	SC1, SC2, OR SC3 Topics in Biology, Chemistry or Physics	NC	X	3	I
	EL112 Elementary Japanese II Social Science Course Option (see back)	PC	X	3	I
	Flexible Core Course Option	PC		3	II
<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	ENG123 The Research Paper	PC	X	3	I
	EL113 Intermediate Japanese I	PC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
	EL120 Japanese Literature in Translation Flexible Core Course Option	PC		3	I
	Chinese or Korean Course Option (see back)	PC		3 (1)(a)	II
<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	EL120 Humanities, Science & Technology (Capstone)	PC	X	3	I
	EL114 Intermediate Japanese II Unrestricted Elective	PC	X	3 (1)(a)	I
	Flexible Core Course Option	PC		3	I
	Flexible Core Course Option	PC		3	II

Register for **SHS200 "Intent to Graduate"** in **COEN101** to apply for graduation in your final semester.

#### Pre/Co-requisites

Refer to the Pre- and Co-requisite list below to ensure you register for the appropriate courses.

Pre-requisite: A course which must be completed prior to taking another course.

Co-requisite: A course which must be taken during the same session as another course.

- EL121 PRE: CIE 14VEL 97 or Exemption
- EL122 PRE: EL101
- ENG125 PRE: CSE19 & ENG101
- EL123 PRE: EL101
- EL125 PRE: ENG101
- EL120 PRE: ENG101&103 & PVC: MAT107/113,121,125/20
- EL124 PRE: EL101

#### Other Program Notes

**Chinese or Korean option** – Select 3: EL101 Elementary Modern Chinese I or EL102 Elementary Korean I (or other based on placement)

**Humanities** – Select 1: HU4101 Introduction to Art; HU4113 The Art of Eastern Asia; HU109 Public Speaking; HU4120 The Art of Film; HU4161 Introduction to Music; HU4155 Art in New York; HU1101 Introduction to Philosophy; HU1104 Ethics and Moral Issues

**Social Science** – Select 1: SOA100 Introduction to Anthropology; SOA201 Cultural Anthropology; SOE125 International Economics; SOE126 World Geography; SOA105 World History from Ancient Times to 1900; SOA106 World History from 1900 to the Present; SOE201 Global Politics; SOA103 Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the Renaissance; SOA204 Western Civilization from the Renaissance to Modern Times; SOA101 East Asia Civilization and Societies; SOA201 Afro-American History; SOA232 Survey of Latin American and Caribbean History; SOE120 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean; SOE100 Introduction to Sociology

#### General Information

**DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES** Based on your incoming proficiency, you may require additional preparation before entering college-level English (ENG101) or Math (MAT107,113,125, etc.). Options can include:

A) Co-requisite courses such as ENA101, MAT117/119/123  
B) CUNY Start, Math Start, or CUP  
C) English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) courses  
D) Developmental courses such as ENA200 or MAT1099  
E) First Year Institute Program (FYIP) Institute@lag

**SESSIONS/LANG** Each semester, Fall and Spring, has two sessions, Session I (12 weeks) and Session II (9 weeks). It is recommended that you take 15 credits per semester for timely graduation. For questions regarding financial aid or tuition and fees, please speak with Student Financial Services in C-307 or e-mail [fsa@laguardia.edu](mailto:fsa@laguardia.edu)

**CREDITS & HOURS** Courses often meet for the same number of hours per week as academic credits awarded, but in some cases your classes meet for more hours. Listed in the Credits column when applicable. Most degrees require 60 academic credits.

**PREREQ COURSES** Prerequisite Courses are important for your progress and should be taken in the suggested order.

**PATHWAYS/FLEXIBLE CORE** You may choose Flexible Core courses based on interests or transfer goals. Speak to an advisor or view your Degree Audit to see a full list of options and/or requirements. Associate of Arts or Science degrees require you to take one option in each bucket below, plus one additional course (3SH-credits). Associate in Applied Science degrees require you to take one course in three buckets (3H-credits).

- Creative Expression
- Individual & Society
- Scientific World
- U.S. Experience in Its Diversity
- World Cultures and Global Issues

**URBAN STUDIES** All students must complete an Urban Studies course to graduate. Urban Studies courses have an "M" at the end of the course code (example: HU4192M).

	<b>Credits Required to Graduate</b>	More information at <a href="https://laguardia.edu/Japanese">laguardia.edu/Japanese</a>
	Pathways Required Core (PC)	32 Effective Fall 2018-Spring 2019 catalog. Updated: 7/31/19
	Pathways Flexible Core (FC)	18
	Program Core (PC)	30 Follow the map for the catalog year in which you first enrolled.
	<b>Total</b>	60 Check Degree Audit & speak to an advisor for more support.

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Email: [ela@laguardia.edu](mailto:ela@laguardia.edu) Location: B-224 Phone: 718-462-5646

## Japanese Option: Curriculum (3)

- DegreeAudit (<http://degreeworks.cuny.edu/>)

The screenshot shows the DegreeWorks Online Admissment System interface. At the top, there are logos for CUNY and DegreeWorks. Below the logos is a navigation bar with tabs for CUNYfirst, FAFSA, Pathways, Schedule Builder, Class Schedule, Help/FAQ, Report an Issue, Print, and Log Out. A search bar is located below the navigation bar, with fields for Student ID, Name, Degree, Major/Plan, Career Level, and Last Audit. Below the search bar are buttons for Worksheets, Plans, Transfer What-If, Notes, Petitions, and GPA Calc. The main content area features a red banner with a welcome message and a FERPA reminder. Below the banner, there are sections for Student Accessible Features and Faculty Accessible Features, each with a list of features and their descriptions.

**README** WELCOME TO DEGREWORKS, LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S DEGREE AUDIT SOFTWARE. CLICK ON THE HELP BUTTON FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR CLICK ON THE AUDIT BUTTON TO REVIEW STUDENT AUDITS.

**REMINDER** According to Federal FERPA regulations, no information regarding a student can be given out without the student's permission

**Student Accessible Features**

- Audit** | The Audit tab allows you to view the existing audit or run a new one for a student.
- What-If** | Use the What-If tab to run a What-If audit for an individual student.
- Planner** | Choosing the Planner tab will display the Student Academic Planner function keys. Clicking Printable View gives a planner that is printer-friendly. Clicking on Edit Planner allows you to modify the planner.

**Faculty Accessible Features**

- Find** | To search for a student using only part of the name, you must use the wildcard character '@' (e.g., to get a list that contains the student John Smith (displayed as Smith, John) , enter Smith@ for a last name search, or @John for a first name search; you may also try Smith@John@ for a better match).

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## Japanese Option: Transfer (1)

- Japanese Option has articulation agreements with the following 4-year institutions

### Japanese Option: Articulation

- **Queens College**

- A traditional East Asian Studies major.
- Program website: <https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/cma1c/>
- Copy of the articulation: <https://bit.ly/LG-JP0TransQ>

- **Hunter College**

- Strong emphasis on Japanese language and culture
- Program website: <https://www.hunter.cuny.edu/classics/japanese>
- Copy of the articulation: <https://bit.ly/LG-JP0TransH>

- **Temple University Japan**

- Finish your BA in Japan and obtain a degree from Temple University
- Program website: <https://www.tuj.ac.jp>
- Admissions information : <https://bit.ly/LG-JP0TransTUJb>

# Japanese Option: Transfer (2)

- This information sheet has a lot of useful information for graduating/transferring students (<https://bit.ly/LG-JPOGrad>)



Japanese Option Page Transfer Information







**APPLY FOR ADMISSION:**  
 Complete the online application. **Apply by Wednesday, June 15, 2023.**

**FORMATION:**  
 Apply for admission. **Apply by Wednesday, June 15, 2023.**

**CONFIRMATION:**  
 Receive acceptance letter. **Check the acceptance letter. Receive by Monday, July 3, 2023.**

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**Graduation Requirements:**  
 All students who have had direct contact with the Registrar's Office for graduation. The Registrar's Office will mail your acceptance letter home as indicated in CUNY/UT (on regular mail) by the end of the semester.


**Graduation Requirements:**  
 The college-wide graduation requirements are following:  
 • Credit Point Average: A 2.00 GPA (average) is required for graduation, as well as passing the required basic skills tests.

**TRANSFER TO CUNY SCHOOLS:**  
 The Japanese Option is articulated with the following CUNY schools:  
 • CUNY Baruch College  
 • CUNY Brooklyn College  
 • CUNY City College  
 • CUNY CUNY Graduate Center  
 • CUNY Queens College  
 • CUNY Yeshiva University

**Admission requirements for CUNY:**  
 • GPA of 2.75 or better  
 • a grade of "C" or better in HLDS, HLDS-II, HL-III, and HL-IV



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**TRANSFER TO SUN-CUNY:**  
 Transfer to SUN-CUNY school if you are interested in SUN-CUNY schools (e.g., SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Ulster and Albany, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Ulster and Albany).

**TRANSFER TO OC AND HUNTER:**  
 For more information about the transfer process and all admission requirements, please speak with Prof. Mark Palmstein, Director of Japanese Studies at Queens College. [mpalmst@queens.cuny.edu](mailto:mpalmst@queens.cuny.edu)

**CONTACT:**  
 For questions about your transfer options, contact Terrence Sigafoos, Director of the Japanese Option at Laguardia. [tsigafoos@laguardia.cuny.edu](mailto:tsigafoos@laguardia.cuny.edu)

**QUEENS COLLEGE ARTICULATION SUMMARY:**

Transfer to (CUNY school)	Requirements
Baruch College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Brooklyn College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
City College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Queens College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Yeshiva University	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV

**HUNTER COLLEGE ARTICULATION SUMMARY:**

Transfer to (CUNY school)	Requirements
Baruch College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Brooklyn College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
City College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Queens College	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV
Yeshiva University	2.75 GPA, HLDS, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV, HL-III, HL-IV

# Japanese Option: Goals and Student Support (1)

## General Support Offices

- **College Catalog**
  - <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/academics/catalog/>
- **Education and Language Acquisition (ELA) Department** (B-234)
  - The LA Japanese Option is housed in the ELA Department. An advisor or program director will be available to talk about the option with you.
  - <http://www.laguardia.edu/ela/>
- **Academic Advisors** (B-100) or **ASAP** (BA-22)
  - A few academic advisors are designated to the Japanese Option students. See the advisement website at <https://www.laguardia.edu/Academics/Majors/Japanese/> or MyLaGuardia <https://mail.lagcc.cuny.edu/viplogin/Default.aspx>.






## Japanese Option: Goals and Student Support (2)

### Academic Support

- **Modern Language Lab** (B-206)
  - Free language tutoring
  - <https://www.laguardia.edu/ela/ml-lab-and-placement/>
- **Japan and Entertainment Club**
  - Meetings during the club hours (Wed 2:15pm-4:25pm)
  - <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapanClub/>
- **Peer Advisors**
  - Senior students are available as mentors for newer students
  - <https://www.laguardia.edu/peeradvisors/>
- **Co-curricular events by the Japan Studies Program**
  - <https://t-nagano.com/projects/JapaneseProgram/>
  - <https://chrysanthemum.commons.gc.cuny.edu>

## Find More Information (1)

### Contact Information for Japanese Option

-  Japanese Option **Blog**
  - <https://chrysanthemum.commons.gc.cuny.edu>
-  Japan Studies **Discord**
  - <https://discord.gg/PF6KuvHY>
-  Japanese Option **Reddit**
  - <https://www.reddit.com/r/lagJapaneseOption/>

Discord



## Find More Information (2)

- **Contact**


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