



About Japanese Option

THE LIBERAL ARTS SSH: JAPANESE OPTION (AA degree) offers an opportunity to learn the Japanese language and other related subjects such as Japanese Literature, Asian Art, East Asian History, Religions and Social Psychology in Asia and to acquire an associate's degree in Japanese. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate (4-year) programs in East Asian Studies and/or Japan Studies. Upon graduation, the LA SSH Japanese Option at LaGuardia Community College can transfer to the East Asian Studies Major (Japanese Track) at Queens College and continue to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Japanese. Some of our graduates apply for transfer to prestigious colleges and universities in East Asian Studies including Columbia University, NYU, and Temple University Japan Campus.

The goal of the Japanese Option is to develop students' interests and prior knowledge in Japan for professional careers. We will deal with Japanese language/culture as a serious academic subject (beyond casual interest in Japanese pop culture and anime). Those who are interested in the Japanese Option should try reading some of the following reference books to identify if this program fits your interests and plan for future careers.

- **Japanese Language / Linguistics:** Tsujimura, N. (2014). *An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics*. Cambridge, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell. (ISBN: 9781444337730)
- **Japanese Pop Culture (anime, manga, J-pop etc):** Lamarre, T. (2009). *The Anime Machine: A Media Theory of Animation*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. (ISBN: 9780816651559)
- **History of Japan:** Mason, R. H. P. & Caiger, J. G. (1997). *A History of Japan*. Tokyo, Japan: Tuttle Publishing. (ISBN: 9780804820974)
- **Economics/Business in Japan:** Liker, J. and Convis, G. (2011). *The Toyota Way to Lean Leadership: Achieving and Sustaining Excellence through Leadership*, New York, NY: McGraw-Hill (ISBN: 9780071780797)
- **Sociology of Japan (The Japanese people, the Japanese society etc):** Sugimoto, Y. (2003). *An Introduction to Japanese Society*. Cambridge, Mass.: Cambridge University Press.

Find More Information

You can find more information about the Japanese Option at the following places:

- **College Catalog**
Check the curriculum and the degree requirements on the catalog (<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/academics/catalog/>)
- **The Modern Language Lab (B-206)**
Many current Japanese Option students study in the Modern Language Lab and this is the best place to find other Japanese Option students.
- **The Japan Club**
The Japan Club meet 2pm-5pm on every Wednesday during the 12-week session. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/japanclub.lagcc/>)
- **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)**
A few academic advisors are designated to the Japanese Option students. See the advisement website at <https://www.laguardia.edu/Academics/Majors/Japanese/>

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Why you should become or not become a Japanese major

One of the major requirements of the Japanese Option is two years of the Japanese language (from ELJ101 through ELJ104) and obtain a minimum of B grade in each class. In other words, you will be studying the Japanese language throughout your academic progress at LaGuardia. Language learning, especially the one involves a typologically distant language from your native language, requires assiduous effort, rigid self-discipline, and serious time commitment. You should keep it in mind when you change your major to the Japanese Option.

Once you have completed your requirements at LaGuardia, you will be able to feel confident in communicating in Japanese in most of social settings and will have a much deeper understanding about Japanese culture, the

history of Japan, Japanese society, Japanese business ethics and business styles, religions in Japan, ethnography of the Japanese people, and Japanese art.

Academic curriculum

The academic curriculum is subject to change every academic year. Please refer to the College Catalog for the latest curriculum for the Japanese Option. The sample curriculum with the suggested course sequence is listed below.

How to change your major

Students can change their majors at the Registrar's Office (C-107) within the first three or four weeks of the semester. If you apply for a new major after the change of major deadline, the change will be effective only in the following semester. It is highly recommended to meet with

the program director (see below) before submitting your Change of Major Form.

Contact

Please contact the program director for further questions.

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COURSE & TITLE	CREDITS	COURSE & TITLE	CREDITS
CUNY PATHWAYS REQUIRED CORE	12 CREDITS	ENGLISH	3 CREDITS
English Composition	6	ENG103 Research Paper (3rd sem.)	3
ENG101 Composition I (1st sem.)			
ENG102 Writing Through Literature (2nd sem.)		LIBERAL ARTS	6 CREDITS
Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (1st or 2nd sem.)	3	LIF101 Freshman Seminar for Liberal Arts (1st sem.)	3
MAT107 Mathematics and the Modern World		LIB200 Humanism, Science and Technology (4th sem.)	3
MAT115 College Algebra & Trigonometry (or MAT117)			
MAT120 Elementary Statistics (or MAT119)		HUMANITIES	3 CREDITS
Life and Physical Sciences (1st sem. or 2nd sem.)	3	Select one from the following: (1st sem. or 2nd sem.)	
SCB101 Topics in Biological Science		HUA101 Introduction to Art	3
SCB206 Introduction to Neuroscience		HUC106 Public Speaking	3
SCC101 Topics in Chemistry		HUC150 The Art of Film	3
SCC102 Chemistry of Photography		HUM101 Introduction to Music	3
SCP101 Topics in Physical Science		HUN195 Art in New York	3
SCP105 Life in the Universe; or		HUP101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
SCP140 Topics in Astronomy		HUP104 Ethics and Moral Issues	3
		HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia	3
CUNY PATHWAYS FLEXIBLE CORE	18 CREDITS		
1. Six three-credit courses. At least one course from each of the five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline.		[Note] Students who wish to transfer to Queens College are advised to take HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia, which will count toward the EAS major at QC (=Art History 114: Survey of Asian Art).	
2. Students without any previous instruction in Japanese are encouraged to take Elementary Japanese 1 (ELJ101) and Elementary Japanese 2 (ELJ102) as part of Flexible Core for the LA Japanese Option.		SOCIAL SCIENCE	3 CREDITS
3. One Flexible Core course must be an Urban Studies course.		Select one from the following: (1st sem. or 2nd sem.)	
World Cultures and Global Issues (ELJ101 & ELJ102) (1st/2nd sem.)	6	SSA100 Introduction to Anthropology	3
U.S. Experience in its Diversity (ELN101 is recommended; any)	3	SSA101 Cultural Anthropology	3
Creative Expression (any semester)	3	SSE105 International Economics	3
Individual and Society (any semester)	3	SSE125 World Geography	3
Scientific World (ELL101 is recommended; any semester)	3	SSH105 World History from Ancient Times to 1500	3
		SSH106 World History from 1500 to the Present	3
JAPANESE OPTION CORE	12 CREDIT	SSP200 Global Politics	3
ELJ103 Intermediate Japanese 1 (3rd sem.)	3	SSH103 Western Civilization from Ancient to Renaissance	3
ELJ104 Intermediate Japanese 2 (4th sem.)	3	SSH104 World Civilization from Renaissance to Modern Times	3
ELJ250 Japanese Literature in Translation (2nd sem.)	3	SSH110 East Asia Civilization and Societies	3
Select one from the following: (3rd sem.)		SSH113 Modern Chinese History (with substitution request)	3
ELC101 Elementary Modern Chinese 1	3	SSH114 Modern Japanese History (with substitution request)	3
ELC102 Elementary Modern Chinese 2	3	SSH231 Afro-American History	3
ELC103 Intermediate Modern Chinese 1	3	SSH232 Survey of Latin American and Caribbean History	3
ELC105 Modern Chinese for Heritage Students	3	SSH220 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean	3
ELC201 Modern Chinese Literature (taught in Chinese)	3	SSH100 Introduction to Sociology	3
ELC202 Contemporary Chinese Literature (taught in Chinese)	3		
ELC203 Classic Chinese Literature (taught in Chinese)	3	[Note] Students who wish to transfer to Queens College are advised to take SSH110 East Asia Civilization and Society, which will count toward the EAS major at QC (=History 112: Introduction to East Asian History)	
ELK101 Elementary Korean 1	3	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES	3 CREDITS
ELK102 Elementary Korean 2	3	Unrestricted electives (3rd or 4th sem.)	3
ELK103 Intermediate Korean 1	3		
ELK201 Modern Korean Literature (taught in Korean)	3	Total Credits:	60

[Note] One Chinese or Korean language course depending on the placement score. Students taking ELC 101 and ELK 101 as electives in the Japanese option will receive credit for those courses without taking ELC102 or ELK102.