

JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MINOR

The majors in French, Japanese and Spanish Language and Culture offer students opportunities to effectively develop cultural and linguistic abilities to function productively in the global, 21st century world in an array of fields where language and intercultural competencies are critical.

All department minors must take an appropriate 300 level class upon return to complete requirements. 20-22 credits are generally required for minors.

Japanese Language and Culture Track

The major and minor in Japanese Language and Culture focuses on developing proficiency in Japanese and the ability to communicate in a culturally appropriate fashion in various disciplines and social situations. The major requires a high level of language proficiency: generally three years of Japanese, or equivalent level of proficiency (ACTFL Intermediate High). Therefore, a year of study at a Linfield approved program in either Tokyo or Kyoto, typically during the third year, is necessary to complete the major unless student has significant prior experience with the language. Language experience is assessed through placement exam and Oral Proficiency Interview. Early planning is key to completing this major. Please consult with Japanese faculty early in the process, before choosing a study abroad site.

Minor Requirements

Complete 20 credits in courses numbered 202 and above. JAPANESE CULTURE TODAY (GLJP 240) (taught in English) may also count for the minor. Up to 10 credits taken during the required semester at Kanto Gakuin University (KGU) in Yokohama, Japan, can be applied toward the minor. Upon returning from study abroad, students must take a 300-level or higher course to complete the minor.