

JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE MINOR

- 6 credits for having completed an IB program and successfully passed the exam
- 3 credits for having completed The Seal of Bilinguality

Program Overview

One of the world's largest economies, Japan is known for its cutting-edge science and technology, as well as its rich cultural history and modern pop culture.

With demand in areas of national security, diplomacy, and global business, the Japanese language is one of 12 languages designated by the U.S. as a less commonly taught critical language.

Students in the Japanese minor program at Drake University develop authentic oral and written communication skills with culturally appropriate expressions and manners. Students deepen their understanding of both traditional and contemporary Japanese culture through a wide range of topics, including daily life, art, history, religion, pop culture, healthcare, and current social issues. The Japanese minor can be effectively combined with a variety of majors and minors, making it a valuable addition to many areas of study.

Drake University offers study-abroad opportunities that align with students' goals and schedules. Many Japanese minors choose to go abroad, where they further develop their language skills and cultural knowledge through immersive, real-world experiences.

Each year, Drake graduates with Japanese minors earn competitive scholarships, such as the Fulbright Scholarship, successfully pursue graduate studies, and are accepted into prestigious programs, including the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

Minor in Japanese Language and Culture

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in the chosen language, LANG 001 and above		12
Select six hours from the following areas: Art, Economics, English, History, Marketing, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Political Science, Study of Culture and Society, and World Languages and Cultures. ¹		6
ART 103	ART OF INDIA, CHINA, AND JAPAN	
HIST 021	EAST ASIAN HISTORY TO 1600	
HIST 022	EAST ASIAN HISTORY SINCE 1600	
POLS 142	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN	
POLS 143	JAPAN AND THE WORLD: ISSUES OF WAR AND MEMORY	
REL 064	INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM	
PHIL/REL 103	INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE PHILOSOPHY	
WLC 148	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
Total Hours		18

Students may earn up to six credits and apply them as electives to the minor requirements through AP, CLEP, or IB taken while in high school. More specifically, students earn:

- 3 credits for an AP placement of 4 on the language exam
- 6 credits for an AP placement of 5 on the language exam
- 6 credits for an AP placement of 4 or 5 on the literature exam
- 3 credits for a CLEP placement over 50 for the Level One exam
- 6 credits for a CLEP placement over 50 on the Level Two exam