

## **PRE-ENROLMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Japanese Studies 2010**

The Department of Japanese Studies aims for graduates to achieve an understanding of Japan through the medium of the Japanese language and to acquire the intellectual skills needed to communicate that understanding in a critical way.

In the process of achieving these goals, students completing the undergraduate degree course will acquire:

- communication skills in speaking, listening and writing Japanese
- a solid foundation in reading Japanese
- familiarity with Japanese socio-cultural patterns
- the ability to access relevant materials for continuing independent learning, and
- skills identified by this University as desirable generic attributes of its graduates.

### **Structure of the Japanese Studies program**

Units of study in Japanese Studies are categorized as Japanese 'language' units of study or specialist Japanese 'studies' units of study. Japanese 'language' units of study aim at developing skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, while Japanese 'studies' units of study require development of a higher level of reading skills, socio-cultural knowledge and generic skills, such as critical, analytical thinking, independent learning, essay writing, and cooperative group skills.

Language units of study are arranged in 10 levels.

'Studies' units of study appropriate for the various Japanese language levels are:

- (1) Japanese 3-4: JPNS 2660
- (2) Japanese 5-6: JPNS 2670 series
- (3) Japanese 7-10: JPNS 3670 series

### **Native speakers and near-native speakers**

- Native speakers and near-native speakers of Japanese must obtain permission to enrol from the department.
- Students who took the HSC Japanese Background Course are regarded as native speakers and near-native speakers of Japanese. The department reserves the right to determine who qualifies as a native or near-native speaker.
- Native speakers and near-native speakers of Japanese will not be permitted to take language units of study. Provided they have completed at least 36 Junior credit points in other subject areas, in their senior years they may complete a Major in Japanese Studies (36 Senior credit points) by taking up of a maximum of four Japanese Studies units in the JPNS 3670 series and the remaining credit points required for a major in Japan-related Asian Studies units.

## Major in Japanese Studies

Students will need to take at least 36 Senior credit points from a combination of 'language' and 'studies' components. A minimum of 24 credits points must be taken from 'language' components and a minimum of 12 credit points must be taken from 'studies' components at the appropriate Japanese language levels.

**NB: More specific instructions for pre-enrolment are given below**

## Honours

In order to qualify for entry into the Honours program, students must have completed the requirements for a BA degree. In addition, they must have achieved a 'Credit' average or better in the major **plus** 12 additional Senior credit points. The 12 additional Senior credit points **must** include ASNS 3690 Approaches to Research in Asian Studies. They **may** include one 6-credit point Japan-related Asian Studies unit of study.

Honours students will need to enroll in all four generic units of study: JPNS 4011, JPNS 4012, JPNS 4013, JPNS4014. The program is comprised of 50 per cent coursework and 50 per cent thesis. Coursework consists of two units of study at postgraduate level. The thesis is a 15,00-20,000 word original piece of research and writing using English and Japanese language sources appropriate to the student's level of Japanese language proficiency.

Intending Honours students must consult the department during Orientation Week regarding the coursework.

In 2010 students will complete coursework in the following areas:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS6908 The Underside of Modern Japan
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS6900 Contemporary Asian Societies

During Orientation Week, consult with Dr Matthew Stavros, the Honours Coordinator in 2010.

## For students currently doing JPNS1612 Japanese 2

\* Japanese language units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS2611 Japanese 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS2612 Japanese 4

\* Japanese studies unit available:

2nd semester	JPNS2660 Introduction to Japan
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If you want to prepare for an Honours degree, see the requirements above.

### **For students currently doing JPNS 2612 Japanese 4**

\* Japanese language units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS2621 Japanese 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS2622 Japanese 6

\* Japanese studies units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS2672 Japanese Media Culture and New Japan
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS2670 Modern Japanese Literary Masterpieces
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS2671 Japanese Sociolinguistics

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### **For students currently doing JPNS2622 Japanese 6**

\* Japanese language units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS3621 Japanese 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS3622 Japanese 8

\* Japanese studies units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS3676 Monsters & Ghosts: Japanese Fantasy & SF
	JPNS3675 Japanese Cinema
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS3673 Japanese Society

If you want to prepare for an Honours degree, see the requirements above.

### **For students currently doing JPNS3622 Japanese 8**

\* Japanese language units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS3631 Japanese 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS3632 Japanese 10

\* Japanese studies units:

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS3676 Monsters & Ghosts: Japanese Fantasy & SF
	JPNS3675 Japanese Cinema
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS3673 Japanese Society

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## **For native and near-native speakers**

### **\* Japanese studies units:**

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	JPNS3676 Monsters & Ghosts: Japanese Fantasy & SF JPNS3675 Japanese Cinema
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	JPNS3673 Japanese Society

### **\* Japan-related Asian Studies units:**

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	ASNS2631 Origins of Japanese Tradition ASNS2672 Japan in East Asia from 1840 until Today
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	ASNS2677 Beyond the Geisha/Samurai Binary

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