

## WORK

Learning Japanese gives you more options in the job market



Over **790,000 employees** work for Japan-affiliated companies in the US



Japan has invested over **\$340 billion** in America through affiliated companies

## CONNECT

Learning Japanese connects you globally



Japanese is the **4th most used language** on the Internet



The Japanese culture values people-to-people *relationships*, *communities*, and *teamwork*

## INNOVATE

Learning Japanese gets you direct access to cutting-edge technology



*Japanese inventors* created the Blu-ray Disc, PlayStation, the mechanical pencil, karaoke, and even instant ramen



The *bullet train* developed in Japan travels up to 200 mph — and it's almost always on time!

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## Japanese Language Program at K-State

offers Beginner's to Advance level courses in Japanese. Japanese classes at K-State focus to develop a learner's (a) oral language proficiency, (b) written language proficiency, and (c) cultural understanding for the Japanese style communication.

JAPAN courses fulfill your degree requirements such as; Foreign language, Humanities, Communication, K-State8 (Aesthetic Interpretation and Global Issues & Perspectives).

### Minor in Japanese

Requirements: 18 hours of Japanese courses in the 200 level and above.

JAPAN300. Japanese III (Fall) Advance Beginner I

JAPAN301. Japanese IV (Spring) Advance Beginner II

JAPAN591. Japanese V (Fall) Intermediate I

JAPAN592. Japanese VI (Spring) Intermediate II

JAPAN599 Special Studies in Japanese.



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# SPEAK JAPAN

you'll be

## CONNECTED!

ON THE CUTTING EDGE!  
CULTURALLY COMPETENT!

COMPETITIVE!

## CONSIDERATE!

A CREATIVE THINKER!  
A GLOBAL CITIZEN!

Learn Japanese at  
Kansas State University  
Department of Modern Languages

# IMAGINE

Learning Japanese immerses you in fantasy



Hayao Miyazaki's film "Spirited Away" won the *Academy Award* for Best Animated Feature Film



Heian period noblewoman Murasaki Shikibu wrote *The Tale of Genji*, arguably the *oldest novel ever written*

# DESIGN

Learning Japanese inspires creativity



Japanese *manga* has a distinctive style that influences *graphic artists* around the world  
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Simple, compact Japanese design aesthetics *inspired* Apple's Steve Jobs when he designed the iPhone

# LIVE

Learning Japanese exposes you to fun and thoughtful ways to live life



Learning Japanese aids *social awareness*: the language's politeness levels change depending on the social situation



Customer service is based on *omotenashi, hospitality* – and yet the customer is never expected to tip for good service  
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## Japanese Language Courses at K-State

**The First Year: JAPAN101: Japanese I (Fall/Spring) and JAPAN102: Japanese II (Spring/Summer)**

The intensive introductory courses present the basic characteristics of the Japanese language in both written and spoken forms. The highly interactive in-class activities will emphasize development of conversational skills along with training in the basic patterns and structures of Japanese. You will learn the two alphabets (i.e. ひらがな and カタカナ) and approximately 130 kanji or Chinese characters used in Japanese. Upon successful completion of JAPAN102, you will be ready to take Japanese Language Proficiency Test N5. Target oral proficiency rating at the end of the session: Novice High.\*

**The Second Year: JAPAN 300: Japanese III (Fall) and JAPAN301: Japanese IV (Spring)**

The second year courses are designed to further develop your ability in speaking and understanding daily conversation while continuing to increase proficiency in reading and writing. This will include the introduction of more complex grammatical structures and the study of 170 additional characters with a cumulative total of 300 characters. Students also participate in language exchange program with Japanese students via Skype. Upon successful completion of JAPAN301, you will be ready to take Japanese Language Proficiency Test N4. Target oral proficiency rating at the end of the session: Intermediate Low.\*

**The Third Year: JAPAN591: Japanese V (Fall) and JAPAN592: Japanese VI (Spring)**

The goal of the third year Japanese courses is the development of a broad competency in speaking and reading the language in a variety of contexts covering a wide range of academic and cultural interests. Increasingly complex conversational situations will be practiced. Upon successful completion of JAPAN592, you will be ready to take Japanese Language Proficiency Test N3. Target oral proficiency rating at the end of the session: Intermediate Mid.\*

\*Based on ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines (2012): <http://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012>



The students in Japanese Language Program experience many cultural activities to enhance language learning in and outside of the classroom!



Japanese Program encourages you to **Study Abroad in Japan!**

- Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (Nagoya)
- Kansai Gaidai University (Osaka)
- Nagasaki College of Foreign Studies (Nagasaki)
- "K-State in Tokyo" Faculty-led Summer Program (Tokyo)

