

JAPANESE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

JPN 101, 102: ELEMENTARY JAPANESE (4, 4)

This year-long course is an introduction to listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. In addition to an introductory textbook, students will work with language tapes and texts in Japanese drawn from popular media and traditional literature. Fulfills the language requirement for those students who have previously studied a language other than Japanese.

JPN 111, 112: INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE (4, 4)

This is a year-long continuation of JPN 101–102 with increased emphasis on reading Japanese texts and using an expanded vocabulary in speaking and writing. Prerequisite: JPN 102 or advanced placement. Fulfills the language requirement for those students who have previously studied Japanese.

JPN 211, 212: ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE (4, 4)

This year-long, stacked course meets in conjunction with JPN 111, 112. The course features increased emphasis on speaking, reading, and writing more advanced Japanese texts. Prerequisite: JPN 112 or placement by instructor.

JPN 250: SPECIAL TOPIC – ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I (4)

Students will develop fluent language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing with increased emphasis on building up knowledge of elementary- and intermediate- level vocabulary, expressions, sentence patterns, and Kanji through literal information. Prerequisite: JPN 112 or study abroad in Japan, or permission.

JPN 250: SPECIAL TOPIC –ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE II (4)

A continuation of Advanced Intermediate Japanese I. See description above. Prerequisite: JPN 112, JPN 250 from Term 1, after study abroad in Japan, or permission.

JPN 350: SPECIAL TOPIC - ADVANCED JAPANESE (4)

Advanced practice in speaking, writing, reading, and listening. Emphasis on development of conversational speaking and writing skill through textbooks, workbooks, DVDs, videos, magazines, Internet, J-pop, Manga, literature, and a weekly study group with a native Japanese assistant. Study of Japanese culture and life with an emphasis on contemporary Japan. Strongly recommended for students planning to go on Hollins Study Abroad–Japan program. Prerequisite: JPN 112 or equivalent.