

# Opasraportti

## FHum - Japanese Studies (2017 - 2018)

### Japanese Studies

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### Admission requirements

Japanese Studies can be studied by any student presently registered and enrolled at the University.

### Study guidance

Study guidance is offered by the University Lecturer of Japanese Studies, phone: +358 29 448 3363.

### Japanese Studies

Japanese Studies is open to all students as a minor subject, and offers a varied and comprehensive opportunity to familiarise oneself with the unique nature of Japanese language and culture. Students are relatively free to create their Basic and Intermediate Study packages from the available courses; or even only study individual courses.

### Practical information

Students must sign-up for book examinations at least 10 days before the examination via WebOodi. Lecture examination procedures vary and are made known during the individual lecture courses.

### Study packages and learning outcomes

Students are relatively free to compile Basic and Intermediate Study packages from the courses offered. One Basic Level course, *Introduction to Japanese Society and Culture* (5 ECTS credits), is compulsory, but other courses are optional. In addition, one Intermediate Level course, *Article Course* (5 ECTS credits), is compulsory. Students are also expected to include at least one year of Japanese language studies into the Intermediate Study package. Otherwise, students can choose their courses freely and focus on a particular topic, e.g. Japanese language, Japanese history, Japanese culture and contemporary Japanese society. After completing the Japanese Studies package, via their area(s) of focus, students have the necessary skills for employment that requires knowledge of Japanese and other East Asian cultures and languages.

Upon completion of the Basic Level Japanese Studies, students will have acquired an understanding of the main features of Japanese culture from the perspectives of history, contemporary society and language. Students will also have acquired the skills necessary for pursuing further advanced study and analysis in the fields of spoken and

written language, or a broader study of Asian culture. Students, who have completed the Basic Studies package, are especially qualified to study the differences and similarities as well as the challenges of cultural interaction between Western and Japanese cultures.

Upon completion of the Intermediate Level Japanese Studies, students will have a comprehensive understanding of Japanese culture, history, societal structures and language, and students will have acquired the necessary skills to study in Japan and work in situations that require an understanding of Japanese and East Asian cultures. Students will be especially qualified to apply their written and spoken skills to ensure successful cultural interaction.

## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

700587P: Cultural History of Japan, 5 op  
 700565P: History of East-Asia, 5 - 6 op  
 700574P: Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society, 5 op  
 700579P: Japan in a Changing World, 5 op  
 700576P: Japanese Art and Aesthetics, 5 op  
 700578P: Japanese Economic System, 5 op  
 700585A: Journalistic writing, 5 op  
 700577P: Politics in Japan, 5 op  
 700584P: Special Course on Japan and/or East Asia, 5 - 15 op

## Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

#### 700587P: Cultural History of Japan, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2017 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700587P Cultural History of Japan (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish / English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be familiar with the basics of Japanese cultural history and has extended his/her understanding on topics in the course literature.

**Mode of delivery:**

Reading course literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Japanese Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Choose two of the following books for the exam. Davies & Ikeno: The Japanese Mind. Understanding Contemporary Japanese Culture (2002); Irish AB: Hokkaido: a history of ethnic transition and development on Japan's northern island (2009); Frühstück & Walthall: Recreating Japanese men (2011); Germer et al. (eds.): Gender, nation and state in modern Japan (2014); Hanley: Everyday things in premodern Japan: The hidden legacy of material culture (1997); Tamaru & Reid (eds): Religion in Japanese Culture. Where Living Traditions Meet a Changing World (1996)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Seija Jalagin

**Working life cooperation:**

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**700565P: History of East-Asia, 5 - 6 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700565P History of East-Asia (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

6 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main historical developments of the East Asian cultures and states.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Familiarization with Literature

**Target group:**

Students minoring in Japanese studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Schirokauer & Clark: Modern East Asia. A Brief History (2008), p. 3–400.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Seija Jalagin

**700574P: Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700574P Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1<sup>st</sup> year of Basic Studies

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main phenomena of modern Japanese society and its culture.

**Contents:**

Basics of Japanese society (administration and economy, education and work, civil society, religiousness, values, current phenomena) and central features of cultural customs.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

The course *Gate to Japan*: lectures 30 h, seminar work, additional literature

**Target group:**

Students of the Basic Studies of Japanese Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Fält, Nieminen, Tuovinen, Vesterinen: *Japanin kulttuuri* (1994 or newer, or a correspondent book in English); Bester, Bestor & Yamagata (eds.): *Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society* (2011)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

An exam based both on lectures and additional literature

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

## 700579P: Japan in a Changing World, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700579P Japan in a Changing World (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe and explain the status of Japan in Asia and the globalised world. Students will also be able to also describe and explain the consequences of globalisation and cultural interaction from the point of view of contemporary Japan.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Familiarisation with literature

**Target group:**

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Iriye: *Japan & the Wider World. From the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present* (1997) and essay (2 ECTS credits), or one of the following: Togo: *Japan's foreign policy 1945-2003. The quest for a proactive policy* (2005, 400 pages); OR Holroyd & Coates (eds.): *Japan in the Age of Globalization* (2011, 220 pages); OR Otmazgin: *Regionalizing Culture: The Political Economy of Japanese Popular Culture in Asia* (2013, 256 pages).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam (5 ECTS credits), or book exam (3 ECTS credits) and an essay on a topic that is agreed upon separately (2 ECTS credits)

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Seija Jalagin

## 700576P: Japanese Art and Aesthetics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700576P Japanese Art and Aesthetics (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will have become familiar with the basics of Japanese aesthetics. Students will also have deepened their knowledge of a traditional or modern art and cultural phenomenon of their choice.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Familiarisation with literature

**Target group:**

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Eväsoja: *Bigaku. Japanilaisesta kauneudesta* (2008), and one of the following: Tezuka: *Japanese Cinema Goes Global. Filmworkers' Journeys* (2012, 200 pages) OR MacWilliams (ed.): *Japanese Visual Culture. Explorations in the World of Manga and Anime* (2008, 300 pages); OR Stanley-Baker: *Japanese Art* (1992 or newer, 200 pages)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Seija Jalagin

## 700578P: Japanese Economic System, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700578P Japanese Economic System (OPEN YO) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main features of the economic system in contemporary Japan. Students will also be able to understand how the system functions.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and an essay on a topic that is agreed upon separately

**Target group:**

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Garside: *Japan's Great Stagnation. Forging Ahead, Falling Behind* (2012); students must search for subject related literature for the essay independently.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam (3 ECTS credits) and essay (2 ECTS credits)

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

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## 700585A: Journalistic writing, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700585A Journalistic writing (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to produce a popular, publishable article on a topic related to Japan.

**Contents:**

Students write a popular article on a self-chosen topic. The article will be published in the online magazine of Japanese Studies or in another magazine.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

A workshop in the spring term, independent study and personal guidance.

**Target group:**

The course is compulsory for students completing the Intermediate Studies.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Active participation in the course and writing as well as publishing an article.

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Seija Jalagin

**700577P: Politics in Japan, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main features and developments of the political system of contemporary Japan.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures or book exam and an essay on a topic that is agreed upon separately.

**Target group:**

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**

Neary: *The State and Politics in Japan* (2002); students must search for subject related literature for the essay independently.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam (3 ECTS credits) and essay (2 ECTS credits)

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

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**700584P: Special Course on Japan and/or East Asia, 5 - 15 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Seija Jalagin

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5–15 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish/English

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be familiarised in-depth with one or multiple Japanese and/or East Asian cultural phenomena. Students will also be able to interpret the phenomena in the context of societal and cultural development

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Learning activities according to agreement with the teacher responsible for the course. Lectures, learning diaries, essays or book exam according to agreement.

**Target group:**

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lectures, learning diaries, essays or book exam according to agreement. Also studies compiled during an exchange period abroad can be included under this course code.

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

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