

# Opasraportti

## HuTK - Japanese Studies 2009-2011 (2009 - 2011)

### Japanese Studies

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### Overview of the subject

Japanese Studies is a multidisciplinary programme implemented by the Department of Architecture and the History Sciences. Administratively, it is part of the History Sciences.

Japanese Studies is a minor subject which offers students a varied and comprehensive perspective on the unique character of Japanese culture and language. The programme is intended for all students at the University of Oulu, including foreign exchange students, since part of the teaching can be provided in English, depending on the amount of participants.

Students can acquire the basic skills of speaking and writing the Japanese language, and acquaint themselves with the basics of Japanese culture and society. It is also possible to familiarize oneself more thoroughly with Japanese aesthetics, art history and architecture, Japanese history and interaction between Japan and the western culture. The teaching of the courses is carried out by the teachers of the University of Oulu as well as by visiting experts.

Teaching is organised according to an annual curriculum. The History Sciences is responsible for the courses of the History of Japan and East and Southeast Asia, and the Department of Architecture for the courses of Japanese architecture, garden art, art history and aesthetics. The Japanese language courses are provided by the Language Centre. The East and Southeast Asian courses are provided by the [Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies](#).

Students can form a study package of 25 credits (Basic Studies) and 35 credits (Intermediate Studies) by choosing courses from the following list; or they can take individual courses.

### Admission requirements

Japanese Studies may be taken by all students registered as attending at the University of Oulu.

### Commencement of studies

The curriculum for History Sciences is published at the beginning of each semester. A separate curriculum for Japanese Studies is also available.

### Study guidance

Study guidance is provided by the Lecturer of the History of East Asia, tel. +358-8-553 3327.

### Practical information

Completed study packages are marked by Olavi K. Fält, Professor of History. Students should register for book examinations online in WebOodi no later than 10 full days prior to the examination. Information on lecture examinations will be given on lectures.

### Study packages

I Japanese Language 28 credits

II Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society 21-27 credits

III Japanese Art and Aesthetics 10 credits

IV Japanese Architecture and Garden Art 14-40 credits

V Asian Cultures 31 credits  
 VI Popularization of scholarly writing 6 credits

## Courses

### I JAPANESE LANGUAGE

\* Teaching provided by [Language Center](#)

905040Y Elementary Course in Japanese 12 credits  
 905041Y Intermediate Course in Japanese 12 credits  
 905051Y Writing Skills I 2 credits  
 905052Y Writing Skills II 2 credits

### II INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY

700560P Basic course in Japanese Culture and Society 3 credits  
 700561P Religion in Japan 3 credits  
 700570P Politics in Japan 3 credits  
 700571P Japanese Economic System 3 credits  
 700563P Interaction between Japanese and Western Culture 6 credits  
 700564P Special Course in Japanese Culture 3-9 credits

### III JAPANESE ART AND AESTHETICS

\* Teaching provided by the Department of Architecture.

451521A Introduction to Japanese History of Art 5 credits  
 451522S Japanese Aesthetics 5 credits

### IV JAPANESE ARCHITECTURE AND GARDEN ART

\* Teaching provided by the Department of Architecture.

451524S Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art 5-10 credits  
 451525S Contemporary Japanese Architecture 5-10 credits  
 451523S Japanese Architecture 2-10 credits  
 451526S Japanese Architecture Studio 2-10 credits

### V ASIAN CULTURES

700565P History of East Asia 6 credits  
 700566P Society and politics of East and Southeast Asia\* 6 credits  
 700567P Business in East and Southeast Asia\* 7 credits  
 700568P Language and Communication in East and Southeast Asia\* 6 credits  
 700572P India in World Politics\* 6 credits

\* Teaching provided by the Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies ([www.asianet.fi](http://www.asianet.fi)).

VI 700569A Popularization of scholarly writing 6 credits  
 (compulsory for students completing the Intermediate Studies)

## Learning Objectives

Students can compile the studies in the Basic and Intermediate Studies according to their own wishes and emphasise, for example, studies in Japanese, the culture and history of Japan or the cultures of East and Southeast Asia. After completing the study modules in Japanese Studies, students will have the competence to work in an area which requires both expertise in the students' main subject and the knowledge of Japan and the cultures and languages of East Asia in general.

After completing the Basic Studies, students will be familiar with the essential elements of Japanese culture from the viewpoint of history, language and the contemporary society. They will be able to increase their knowledge and skills in organising information and in written and oral communication within the cultural sphere of Eastern Asia. Students

will be especially oriented to dealing with the challenges of cultural interaction and the differences and similarities between Japanese and Western cultures.

After completing the Intermediate Studies, students will have deep insights into the culture, history, social system and language of Japan. They will have accumulated the skills needed to study in Japan and work in situations in which there is a need for cultural literacy in the Japanese or East Asian context. In particular, students will be capable of applying their oral and written skills to ensure the success of cultural interaction.

## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

700560P: Basic Course in Japanese Culture and Society, 3 op  
 700567P: Business in East and Southeast Asia, 7 op  
 451525S: Contemporary Japanese Architecture, 5 - 10 op  
 700565P: History of East-Asia, 5 - 6 op  
 700572P: India in World Politics, 3 op  
 700563P: Interaction between Japanese and Western Culture, 6 op  
 451521A: Introduction to Japanese History of Art, 5 op  
 451522S: Japanese Aesthetics, 5 op  
 451523S: Japanese Architecture, 5 op  
 451526S: Japanese Architecture Studio, 2 - 10 op  
 700571P: Japanese Economic System, 3 op  
 700568P: Language and Communication in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op  
 700570P: Politics in Japan, 3 op  
 700569A: Popularization of Scholarly Writing, 6 op  
 700561P: Religion in Japan, 3 op  
 700566P: Society and Politics in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op  
 700564P: Special Course in Japanese Culture, 3 - 9 op  
 451524S: Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art, 5 - 10 op

## Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

#### **700560P: Basic Course in Japanese Culture and Society, 3 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700560P Basic Course in Japanese Culture and Society (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe and explain the central phenomena and customs of contemporary Japanese society.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course 'Gate to Japan' or book examination.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Fält-Nieminen-Tuovinen--Vesterinen, Japanin kulttuuri (1994 or later); or equivalent literature in English.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination and exercises, or book examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

### **700567P: Business in East and Southeast Asia, 7 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

### **451525S: Contemporary Japanese Architecture, 5 - 10 op**

**Voimassaolo:** - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opettajat:** Broner-Bauer Kaisa, Mahlamäki Rainer

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

### **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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

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

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe and explain the key cultural developments of East Asian history.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book examination or a course in the University Network.

**Recommended or required reading:**

a) Book examination: Fairbank-Reischauer-Craig, East Asia. Tradition and Transformation (1976),  
OR

b) The course Cultural History in East and Southeast Asia provided by the Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies ( [www.asianet.fi](http://www.asianet.fi) ).

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

### 700572P: India in World Politics, 3 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

### 700563P: Interaction between Japanese and Western Culture, 6 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opettajat:** Fält, Olavi Kaarlo

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700563P Interaction between Japanese and Western Culture (OPEN UNI) 6.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to interpret the interaction between cultures as an ongoing phenomenon with historical roots that still have an effect on its development.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures or Book examination

**Recommended or required reading:**

George B. Sansom, The Western World and Japan. A Study in the Interaction of European and Asiatic Cultures (1987); Akira Iriye, Japan & the Wider World. From the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present (1997).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Written examination or book examination

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Olavi K. Fält

**451521A: Introduction to Japanese History of Art, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** - 31.07.2011

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opettajat:** Minna Eväsoja

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

**451522S: Japanese Aesthetics, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** - 31.07.2011

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opettajat:** Minna Eväsoja

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

**451523S: Japanese Architecture, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay451523S Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

**451526S: Japanese Architecture Studio, 2 - 10 op**

**Voimassaolo:** - 31.07.2011

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opettajat:** Broner-Bauer Kaisa, Mahlamäki Rainer

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

### **700571P: Japanese Economic System, 3 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700571P Japanese Economic System (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe and explain the main features of the contemporary Japanese economic system, and understand its functions.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book examination or an essay about a topic to be agreed upon separately.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Masahiro Okuno-Fujiwara (ed.), The Japanese Economic System and its Historical Origins (1999).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

### **700568P: Language and Communication in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

### **700570P: Politics in Japan, 3 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700570P Politics in Japan (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe and explain the key developments and main features of the contemporary Japanese political system.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book examination or an essay on a topic to be agreed upon separately.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Ian Neary, The State and Politics in Japan (2002)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

## 700569A: Popularization of Scholarly Writing, 6 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will learn to produce a popular text which will be published, on a topic related to Japan.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Writing an article which will be published in Harukaze, the online journal of Japanese Studies.

**Target group:**

The course is compulsory for students aiming to complete the intermediate studies.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Workshop, independent work and personal tutoring.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

## 700561P: Religion in Japan, 3 op



**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700561P Religion in Japan (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will be able to describe and explain the historical development of religions and their significance for Japanese people.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book examination or an essay on a topic to be agreed upon separately.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Sokyo Ono, Shinto. The Kami Way (1962 or more recent.); N. Tamaru and D. Reid (eds.), Religion in Japanese Culture. Where living Traditions Meet a Changing World (1996).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book examination or essay

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

## **700566P: Society and Politics in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

## **700564P: Special Course in Japanese Culture, 3 - 9 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700564P Special Course in Japanese Culture (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

3-9 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish, English

**Learning outcomes:**

The student will acquaint him/herself more thoroughly with some phenomenon/phenomena of Japanese culture, and be able to interpret them as part of Japanese social and cultural development.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

To be agreed upon separately with the teacher responsible for the course.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lectures, essays or book examination according to agreement

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Juha Saunavaara

## **451524S: Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art, 5 - 10 op**

**Voimassaolo:** - 31.07.2012

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Architecture

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

**Opettajat:** Broner-Bauer Kaisa

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.