

Opasraportti

Japanese Studies (2013 - 2014)

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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 East Asian History, 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 familiarize oneself with the unique nature of Japanese language and culture. Students are free to create their Basic and Intermediate level study packages from the available courses; or even merely 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 free to compile Basic and Intermediate-level study packages from the courses offered, and may focus on a particular topic, e.g. Japanese language, Japanese history and culture or East and Southeast Asian studies. 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 Basic Level Japanese Studies, students will have acquired an understanding of the focal aspects of Japanese culture from the perspectives of history, modern society and language; and will 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 culture.

Upon completion of Intermediate Level Japanese Studies, students will have a comprehensive understanding of Japanese culture, history, societal structures and language, and they 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 are especially qualified to apply their written and spoken skills to ensure successful cultural interaction.

Courses

I JAPANESE LANGUAGE

NB Teaching organized by the [Language and Communication Unit](#)

II INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE SOCIETY AND CULTURE

- 700560P Introduction to Japanese Society and Culture (3 ECTS credits)
- 700561P Japan and Religion (3 ECTS credits)
- 700570P Japanese Politics (3 ECTS credits)
- 700571P The Economy of Japan (3 ECTS credits)
- 700563P Interaction between Japanese and Western Cultures (6 ECTS credits)
- 700564P Optional studies (3–18 ECTS credits)

III JAPANESE ARCHITECTURE AND GARDENS

NB Teaching organized by the Architecture Department

- 451523S Japanese Architecture (5 ECTS credits)

IV CULTURES OF ASIA

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

** Teaching organized the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies, webpage: www.asianet.fi*

- V 700569A ARTICLE COURSE (6 ECTS credits) (compulsory for Intermediate Level studies)

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

- 700560P: Basic Course in Japanese Culture and Society, 3 op
- 700567P: Business in East and Southeast Asia, 7 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 and Aesthetics, 5 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
- 905046Y: Tandem - Japanese - Finnish, 2 - 4 op
- 451523S: Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art, 5 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

Opettajat: Seija Jalagin

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

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

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

3

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main aspects of modern Japanese society and cultural customs.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Gateway to Japan lecture course or book exam

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

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

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture examination or book exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

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

ECTS Credits:

7

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

autumn term

Learning outcomes:

The course aims at giving an insight into East and Southeast Asia as a macro region with increasing integration into the global economy. The course focuses on the interplay between the international, national, and sub-national systems in Pacific Asia. Economic and political institutions as well as business environments are discussed leading to an analysis of the region as an operational environment for multinational enterprises.

Contents:

The course comprises of two parts: a) Virtual lectures, assignments, course readings, and final exam (5 ECTS); b) Term paper (2 ECTS).

Mode of delivery:

Web-based teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

All teaching is conducted through the Internet and all lectures and materials are on the Internet.

Target group:

Students enrolled at the University Network of East and Southeast Asian Studies

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Assessment methods and criteria:

Final exam and term paper

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Helsinki School of Economics, Center for Markets in Transition (CEMAT)

Working life cooperation:

No

Other information:

Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies: www.asianet.fi

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

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students can describe and explain the main historical developments of East Asian cultures.

Mode of delivery:

Self study or web-based teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Book exam or the Cultural History of East and Southeast Asia course offered by the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies.

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

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

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).

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam or completion of the alternative course

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

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

ECTS Credits:

6

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Autumn term

Learning outcomes:

The idea of the course is to learn how the international system of the world is changing and to analyse the changing role of India in world politics.

Contents:

The course offers the students an introduction to Indian external policy through the Cold War period to the present situation, with special insights to India's relations with EU and USA. Finally India's role as an emerging great power will be studied. The course belongs to the field of political science.

Mode of delivery:

Web-based teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

All teaching is conducted through the Internet and all lectures and materials are on the Internet.

Target group:

Students enrolled at the University Network of East and Southeast Asian Studies.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Materials are on the Internet.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Video lectures, readings, course assignment and essay.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

Person responsible:

Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Tampere

Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies: www.asianet.fi**Working life cooperation:**

No

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

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students can analyse interaction between the cultures as a continuous phenomenon influenced by its historical roots and developments.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures or book exam

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

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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 and the Wider World: From the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present* (1997).**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination or book exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

Person responsible:

Professor Olavi K. Fält

Working life cooperation:

No

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

Voimassaolo: - 31.07.2011

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Minna Eväsoja

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcome : After completing the course the student can describe the main features of the basics of general history of Japanese art, explain the chronology of different eras and recognize their most essential examples.

Contents:

Lectures on the history of Japanese art, written examination.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Organized as an intensive study unit.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

700571P: Japanese Economic System, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Seija Jalagin

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay700571P Japanese Economic System (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

3

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe and explain the main features of the contemporary Japanese economic system, and understand its functions.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

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

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

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

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

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**ECTS Credits:**

6

Language of instruction:

English

Learning outcomes:

The course aims to increase students' knowledge and competence of language and communication in Asia, particularly intercultural communication in Asian professional contexts.

Contents:

Overview of Asian language situation in general and in specific cultures and the interrelation between language and culture will be introduced. Asia, Asian identity and cultural factors in Asian communication will also be discussed. Basic Asian values and their dynamics and changes are introduced from the intercultural communication perspective. A particular focus is on interaction between Asians and Westerners in professional and social contexts.

Mode of delivery:

Web-based teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

All teaching is conducted through the Internet and all lectures and materials are on the Internet.

Target group:

Students enrolled at the University Network of East and Southeast Asian Studies.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

Materials are on the Internet.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam (2 ECTS), lecture course with readings (2 ECTS) and web course (2 ECTS).

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

Person responsible:Finnish University Network for East and Southeast Asian Studies: www.asianet.fi**Working life cooperation:**

No

700570P: Politics in Japan, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Seija Jalagin

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay700570P Politics in Japan (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

3

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

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

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

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

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

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

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book examination or essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

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

Opettajat: Seija Jalagin

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

6

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to produce a general text on a Japan-related topic.

Contents:

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

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Workshop that lasts for one period as well as independent study and personal guidance. Students write articles on their chosen topics in a popularized academic style. The articles will be published in the study field's electric publication or some other publication.

Target group:

Compulsory for Intermediate Level students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Basic Studies package

Recommended optional programme components:

None

Recommended or required reading:

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Assessment methods and criteria:

Active participation in the workshop; independent study and personal guidance; writing and publishing an article on chosen topic.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

700561P: Religion in Japan, 3 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:**

ay700561P Religion in Japan (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä**ECTS Credits:**

3

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English

Timing:

Free

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students can describe and explain the historical developments of Japan's religions and their significance to modern Japanese people.

Mode of delivery:

Self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Book exam or an essay on a separately agreed upon topic.

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

None

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:

Essay or book exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

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

ECTS Credits:

6

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Spring term

Learning outcomes:

To provide the students with basic knowledge of today's social and political phenomena in East and Southeast Asia.

Mode of delivery:

Web-based teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Book exam (2 ECTS), lecture course with readings (2 ECTS) and web course (2 ECTS).

Target group:

Students enrolled at the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

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Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam (2 ECTS), lecture course with readings (2 ECTS) and web course (2 ECTS)

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Turku

Working life cooperation:

No

Other information:

Finnish University Network for Asian Studies: www.asianet.fi

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

Opettajat: Seija Jalagin, Fält, Olavi Kaarlo

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:

Students 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.

Contents:

Some phenomenon/phenomena of Japanese culture.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, essays or a book exam to be agreed upon with the course teacher. Students who wish to take the course must contact the person responsible.

Target group:

Students presently registered and enrolled at the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

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Assessment methods and criteria:

Lectures, essays or book examination according to agreement

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Juha Saunavaara

Working life cooperation:

No

905046Y: Tandem - Japanese - Finnish, 2 - 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

Assessment methods and criteria:

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Other information:

Tietoa [Tandem vaihto-opiskelusta](#) kielikeskuksen www-sivuilla.

451523S: Traditional Japanese Architecture and Garden Art, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

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

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is arranged according to the program of the Open University

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is to introduce the basics of Japanese architecture and garden art as well as the literature of the field.

Learning outcomes: After completing the course the student is able to describe the historical eras of Japanese architecture. He / she can evaluate the tradition of Japanese architecture and garden art as a whole and recognize the most essential examples of existing building tradition, as well as the traditional values of Japanese culture and their reflections in the built environment.

Contents:

Lectures on Japanese traditional architecture and garden art. The content of the course varies yearly.

Mode of delivery:

Lectures

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures 24h

Target group:

Elective course, arranged as an intensive course

Recommended optional programme components:

The course is organized by the Open University

Recommended or required reading:

Separate list of literature will be delivered during the course

Assessment methods and criteria:

Essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

1-5