

Opasraportti

Japanese Studies (2015 - 2016)

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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 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 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 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.

Courses

I JAPANESE LANGUAGE

NB. Teaching organised by the Language and Communication Unit

Check the up-to-date information on the courses in the syllabus of the Language and Communication Unit (International – Japanese Studies)

II INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE SOCIETY AND CULTURE (45–55 ECTS credits)

1. 700574P Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society (5 ECTS credits) *(Compulsory in Basic Studies)*
2. 700575P Japanese Thought and Religions (5 ECTS credits)
3. 700576P Japanese Art and Aesthetics (5 ECTS credits)
4. 700577P Politics in Japan (5 ECTS credits)
5. 700578P Japanese Economic System (5 ECTS credits)
6. 700549P Japan in a Changing World (5 ECTS credits)
7. 700584P Optional Studies of Japanese and/ or East-Asia (5–15 ECTS credits)
8. 700585A Article Course (5 ECTS credits) *(Compulsory in Intermediate Studies)*

III CULTURES AND SOCIETIES OF ASIA

1. 700565P History of East Asia (6 ECTS credits)
2. 700596P Contemporary East Asia (6 ECTS credits)*
3. 700597P Contemporary Southeast Asia (5 ECTS credits)*
4. 700598P Contemporary South Asia (5 ECTS credits)*
5. 700599P Business in East and Southeast Asia (6 ECTS credits)*
6. 700586P Other Asian Studies (5-15 ECTS cr)*

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

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

700599P: Business in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op

700596P: Contemporary East Asia, 6 op

700598P: Contemporary South Asia, 5 op

700597P: Contemporary Southeast Asia, 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
 700575P: Japanese Thought and Religions, 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

700599P: Business in East and Southeast Asia, 6 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

6 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Learning outcomes:

The course aims at giving an insight into the 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. An analysis of the region as an operational environment for multinational enterprises will be offered.

Contents:

The course consists of two parts: part 1) lectures, readings, assignments and exam, and part 2) term paper. The student can either take part 1 (4 ECTS credits) or parts 1 and 2 together (6 ECTS credits).

Mode of delivery:

- 1) Virtual lectures, assignments, course readings, and final exam (4 ECTS credits), and
- 2) Term paper (2 ECTS credits) that discusses regional economic cooperation of a chosen country from East and Southeast Asia.

Target group:

Students minoring in East and Southeast Asian Studies

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Students must apply for Asian studies courses at www.asianet.fi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Exam based on the lectures and a term paper

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Aalto University School of Business, Center for Markets in Transition (CEMAT)

700596P: Contemporary East Asia, 6 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

6 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Learning outcomes:

Students will acquire basic knowledge of today's social, political and economic phenomena in East Asia.

Contents:

The course provides the students with basic knowledge of the current social, political and economic trends and challenges in East Asia. In addition to addressing recent developments in individual countries, the course also deals with the emerging regional forms of cooperation.

Mode of delivery:

Lecture course (2 ECTS credits), book exam (2 ECTS credits) and web course (2 ECTS credits). You can choose between two options: 1) the whole module (6 ECTS credits), or 2) the lecture course (2 ECTS credits).

Learning activities and teaching methods:

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

Target group:

Students minoring in East and Southeast Asian Studies

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Students must apply for Asian studies courses at www.asianet.fi

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Centre for East Asian Studies, University of Turku

700598P: Contemporary South Asia, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Learning outcomes:

The course aims to construct a holistic view of the societies and cultures of South Asia with a special focus on globalisation. Other topics include politics, religion, gender, development and urbanisation.

Mode of delivery:

Lecture series (approx. 12 hrs online) by different South Asia specialists combined with related literature.

Target group:

Students minoring in East and Southeast Asian Studies

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Students must apply for Asian studies courses at www.asianet.fi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Students will write an essay based on the online lecture series and related literature.

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä

700597P: Contemporary Southeast Asia, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Learning outcomes:

Students will acquire a general understanding of the Southeast Asian history and cultures, and its main economic and political developments.

Contents:

Course topics cover Southeast Asia through the eras of colonialism, nationalism, independence and post-colonialism.

Mode of delivery:

Online lectures, readings, exam and assignments

Target group:

Students minoring in East and Southeast Asian Studies

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Students must apply for Asian studies courses at www.asianet.fi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Exam and assignments

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

School of Management (International Relations), University of Tampere

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.

Target group:

Students minoring in East and Southeast Asian Studies

Recommended or required reading:

Alternatively the course *Culture of East and Southeast Asia* offered by the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies, webpage: www.asianet.fi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam or a course organised by the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies

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:

1st 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: Juha Saunavaara

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: Juha Saunavaara

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:

Seija Jalagin

700575P: Japanese Thought and Religions, 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 historical development of religions and main societal ideologies. Students will also be able to explain their importance to the Japanese people.

Mode of delivery:

Independent study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Familiarising with literature

Target group:

Students completing Basic and Intermediate Studies

Recommended or required reading:

Tamaru & Reid (eds.): *Religion in Japanese Culture. Where Living Traditions Meet a Changing World* (1996);
Blocker, Starling & Date: *Japanese Philosophy* (2001)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Book exam

Grading:

0–5

Person responsible:

Seija Jalagin

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: Juha Saunavaara

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:

Seija Jalagin

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:

ay700584P Special Course on Japan and/or East Asia (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

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:

Seija Jalagin