

JAPANESE STUDIES – DOUBLE MAJOR FIRST CYCLE PROGRAMME

Programme title (in Slovene): Japonologija - dvopredmetna

Programme title (in English): Japanese Studies - double major

Website of the programme: http://as.ff.uni-lj.si/studij/studij/prva_stopnja/japonologija

The institution responsible for the programme: Department of Asian Studies (formerly Department of Asian and African Studies), Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

Address: Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Website of the institution: www.ff.uni-lj.si

Contact person for the study programme: kristina.hmeljak@ff.uni-lj.si, studentski.referat@ff.uni-lj.si

Telephone: 01 241 1448, e-mail: jasna.bavec@ff.uni-lj.si (Department Secretary)

Programme duration: 3 years, 6 semesters

Programme type: double major programme

Programme level: first cycle (B.A.)

Number of ECTS credits: 90 ECTS credits

Date of the first accreditation of the programme: 25 November 2008 (NAKVIS – Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education)

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

The Department of Asian Studies (then Department of Asian and African Studies), Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, launched its first programme in Japanese studies in 1995/1996. In 2008, a new 3-year single-major BA programme in Japanese studies (in line with the Bologna process) was accredited, alongside the double major programme.

The Department also offers a MA programme in Japanese studies and a specialisation in Asian Studies within the interdisciplinary PhD programme Humanities and Social Sciences.

Double major programmes within the Faculty of Arts may be combined freely: each student can choose any two double-major study programs offered by the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ljubljana.

Each of the two programs constitutes exactly one half of the study, i.e. 90 ECTS points for each 1st cycle programme, and together amount to 180 ECTS points.

Two double-major study programs make up one complete undergraduate study.

When the student completes all requirements in both double-major study programs, the undergraduate study is completed.

2. PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

Students of the Japanese Studies programme acquire a high level of competence in the Japanese language, and basic knowledge about Japanese culture, history, sociology and literature. Graduates are capable of written and oral communication

in Japanese, and are knowledgeable about the Japanese cultural area. Due to the complexity of the field of study, students are encouraged to continue their studies at the MA level in order to acquire further specialised knowledge and skills. Career paths of Japanese Studies graduates include research, journalism, business, tourism, public administration and organisations with international (especially East Asian) contacts and an international clientele.

2.1. GENERAL COMPETENCES

- high-level spoken and written communication skills,
- ability to work in a multilingual and multicultural environment,
- teamwork skills,
- skills for the independent acquisition of knowledge,
- capacity for lifelong learning in an information-based society,
- high-level ability to analyse, synthesise and anticipate solutions and their consequences,
- ability to develop their own research techniques and problem-solving approach,
- ability to use information and communication technology,
- ability to think critically.

2.2. SUBJECT-SPECIFIC COMPETENCES

- use Japanese at the 2nd level of the Japanese language proficiency test; understand and use 6000 frequent words, write both Japanese syllabaries hiragana and katakana, write ca. 1000 and read ca. 1450 Chinese characters;
- know the basic principles of Japanese language usage in different social contexts at various levels of formality;
- understand texts on general topics and basic scientific texts;
- translate simple texts from Japanese into Slovenian and act as intermediaries between Slovenian and Japanese speakers;
- use Japanese-language related IT technology;
- know the basic characteristics of Japanese culture and society.

Additional subject-specific competences are detailed in the syllabus for each subject separately.

3. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

The Department of Asian studies conducts very lively international exchanges. For details see also

- The International Office of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana:
http://www.ff.uni-lj.si/an/internationalOffice/international_office
- International cooperation at the Department of Asian Studies:
<http://as.ff.uni-lj.si/en/international-cooperation>

4. CURRICULUM

YEAR 1

First semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 1	30		120	120	9
Introduction to East Asian Studies			30	60	3
History of East Asia	30			60	3
TOTAL	60		150	240	15

Second semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 1	30		120	120	9
Introduction to East Asian Studies				90	3
History of East Asia	30			60	3
TOTAL	60		120	270	15

YEAR 2

Third semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 2	30		90	150	9

Introduction to Japanese History 1	30			60	3
Introduction to Japanese Grammar 1	15		15	60	3
TOTAL	75		105	270	15

Fourth Semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 2	30		90	150	9
Introduction to Japanese History 2	30			60	3
Elective (within dept.) 1	15		15	60	3
TOTAL	75		105	270	15

Year 3

Fifth Semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 3	30		90	150	9
Elective (within dept.) 2	15		15	60	3
BA Seminar		30		60	3
TOTAL	45	30	105	270	15

Sixth Semester

Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
Modern Japanese 3	30		60	90	6
BA Seminar		30		60	3
BA Thesis				90	3
Elective (within dept.) 3	15		15	60	3
TOTAL	45	30	75	300	15

Elective Courses – Specialized (within dept.)

Semester	Subject	Lectures	Seminar	Tutorial	Individual work	ECTS
4	Introduction to Japanese Grammar 2	15	15		60	3
4	Japanese Language in practice 2			60	120	6
5	Introduction to Japanese Literature 1	15	15		60	3
5	Selected topics of Anthropology of Japan	15	15		60	3
5	Japanese Tradition and Modernity	15	15		60	3

6	Introduction to Japanese Literature 2	15	15		60	3
4, 5, 6	Modern Chinese language - tutorial 1			120	60	6
4, 5, 6	Culture of Islam	15	15		60	3
4, 5, 6	Modern Persian Language 1			60	120	6
5	Japanese Society 1	15	15		60	3
6	Japanese Society 2		30		60	3
4, 6	Introduction to Japanese Calligraphy			60	120	6
4, 6	Asian Religions	15	15		60	3
4, 6	Japanese Music 1			30	60	3
4, 6	Japanese Music 2			30	60	3
4, 6	Japanese Music 3			30	60	3
4, 6	Japanese Music 4			30	60	3

4, 6	Introduction to Buddhist Art and Iconography			30	60	3
6	Korean Writing 1	15		15	60	3
4, 6	Korean Art 1	30			60	3
4. 6	Korean Art 2	30			60	3
4, 6	Internship - Cross-linguistic and Cross-cultural Internship	60			120	6
4, 6	Intercultural communication	60			120	6
4, 6	Team research				180	6

The percentage of restrictive (specialized) elective and free elective courses in the programme:

- a) year 1 – 0%
- b) year 2 – 10%
- c) year 3 – 20%

Admission requirements

The admission requirements for the undergraduate programme in Japanese studies are defined in line with Article 115 of the Statute of the University of Ljubljana.

The following persons may apply for the undergraduate programme:

- a) Those that have passed the upper secondary-school leaving exam (matura),
- b) Those that completed any four-year secondary school programme prior to 1 June 1995.

Selection criteria

Overall score in the high-school leaving exam (matura) 60%

Grade average in years 3 and 4 of secondary school 20% each

Criteria for recognising knowledge and skills acquired prior to admission

The Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, recognises knowledge and skills acquired prior to admission through various forms of formal and informal education.

Students shall provide certificates or other documents attesting to knowledge acquired through various types of formal education that clearly show the content and amount of work the student has invested so that credits can be awarded for knowledge and skills. Students may receive up to 9 credits. If the students have previously acquired knowledge overlapping with compulsory courses of Japanese Studies programme more credits can be acknowledged. This is subject to examination of an individual application to a designated committee at the Department of Asian Studies.

Conditions for advancement in the programme

To advance to the second year of the undergraduate programme Japanese Studies, the student must satisfy at least 90% of programme requirements and syllabuses for the first year (including the requirements of the other chosen double major programme), totaling 54 ECTS credit points or more.

To advance to the third year the student must satisfy 90% of the obligations given in the programme requirements and syllabuses for the second year (in both double major programmes), totaling 54 ECTS credit points or more, which together with the requirements from the first year represents a total of at least 114 ECTS credit points.

Transfer between programmes is defined in line with Articles 181–189 of the Statute of the University of Ljubljana.

Conditions for completing the programme

To complete the undergraduate double major programme in Japanese Studies, students must complete all obligations defined by the programme and the syllabuses for subjects required for their chosen option totaling 90 ECTS credit points. The study is completed when the candidate completes all requirements in both study programs, totalling 180 ECTS. Students must write and defend a BA thesis.

Student mobility

The department encourages student mobility, ECTS earned abroad may be counted towards the completion of the programme at the University of Ljubljana.

Japanese Studies students regularly participate in international mobility, within Erasmus/Socrates exchanges and bilateral agreements with various East Asian Universities. For the former, credit points are acknowledged based on the Learning Agreement and Transcript of Records, for the latter based on certificates and transcripts of the host university indicating completed obligations, number of contact hours and content of the courses taken.

From 1996 to 2014, the department has hosted 101 incoming students specialising in Japanese studies, and 115 outgoing students enrolled in the Japanese Studies programme at the Univ. of Ljubljana have studied abroad.

Support and activities

Students receive learning support from teachers, student tutores, and a counseling service for students organised at the Faculty of Arts. Most help to students is given through the tutoring system. The faculty and the department have an organised tutoring system comprising student and teacher tutors, and tutors for special-needs students and international students.

Students of Japanese Studies are actively involved in various research projects and academic workshops, speech contests, cultural activities, performances and other events.

The Department of Asian Studies wholeheartedly encourages students of Japanese Studies to continue their studies at second-cycle programmes as well as their inclusion in specialized student work for business and non-business sector.

Potential employers often contact the Department with their (student) job offers.

Career Counselling

Career centres at the Faculty of Arts (http://www.ff.uni-lj.si/an/activities/career_centre_university_ljubljana) and at the University of Ljubljana (<https://kc.uni-lj.si/en/home>) aim to help students before and after graduation to find suitable jobs on the market. Support is offered via an e-learning platform to which all students have access. The Faculty of Arts also organises an annual information day when all MA and PhD programmes offered are described in detail.

Facilities and Resources

The Department has its own specialised library with books in European and East Asian languages.