



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



Master of Arts in Japanese Studies

2023-2024 Information session



4 February 2023 (Saturday)
3:00pm to 4:00pm



ELB_LT4 Esther Lee building,
Chung Chi campus, CUHK

Speakers:

Prof. Lynne Nakano
Programme Director

Prof. Jeremy Yellen
Graduate Division Head



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Department of Japanese Studies,
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Welcome!

2023 

**We invite you to join
the fascinating world of
Japanese Studies!**

Questions you may want answered

2023



- ❖ **When I meet Japanese people in a business or social setting, what are the proper things to do and say?**
- ❖ **When the earthquake and tsunami destroyed many towns and villages in northeastern Japan, why did the people seem so calm and accepting of the tragedy?**

Questions you may want answered

2023



- ❖ **Why was Japan able to become an economic superpower before other Asian countries?**
- ❖ **Japanese people seem extremely polite. How do we understand this behavior?**
- ❖ **How do levels of politeness in Japanese speech reflect actual relationships between people?**

Questions you may want answered

2023



- ❖ **How do Japanese people view China and their own society as China has overtaken Japan as the world's second largest economy?**
- ❖ **How does Japan sustain its edge in the creative industries, continuing to produce innovative products and software?**



**Do any of these questions
interest you?**

Would you like to take courses in which these questions are raised by experts in the field, and discussed by curious and eager classmates?

**If yes, then this may be
the program for you!**

Teaching Team (full-time staff)

MAJS presents our expert and enthusiastic teaching staff with diverse intellectual perspectives



Our team



Dr. AOYAMA Reijiro

Ph.D. in Japanese Language and Literature, Peking University
Senior Lecturer

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5622	The Global Japanese

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Professor GAGNÉ Nana Okura

Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University

Associate Professor

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5601*	Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies
JASP 5621	Japanese Management - Work, Culture, and Capitalism

***Core course**

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Dr. GUO Yingxia, Carol

Ph.D. in Japanese Social and Cultural Science, Niigata University

Lecturer

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese-Chinese Translation (JLPT N1 required)

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Professor HO Chi Ming

Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Tsukuba
Associate Professor

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5517*	Japanese Communication Through Language and Culture

***Core course**

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Dr. LIN Chaochun, Chalyn

**Ph.D. in Japanese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Lecturer**

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Pan-Asianism in Modern Japan
JASP 5614	Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective
JASP 5618	Contemporary Japan-China Relations

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Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5519*	Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan
JASP 5615	Anthropology of Japan
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

*Core course

Professor NAKANO Lynne Yukie

Ph.D. in Anthropology, Yale University

**Full Professor, Department Chair and
MA Programme Director**

Our team



Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies - Chinese Folk Culture in Tokugawa Japan
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

Professor NG Wai Ming, Benjamin

Ph.D. in East Asian Studies, Princeton University

Full Professor

Our team



Dr. TU Siu Hung, Simon

Ph.D. in Japanese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Lecturer

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5601*	Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Modern Japanese Visual Culture

***Core course**

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Dr. UEDA Sanae

Ph.D. in Language and Culture, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies
Senior Lecturer

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese Dialectology (JLPT N2 required)
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Language – Japanese Business Writing and Presentation (JLPT N1 required)

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Professor YELLEN Jeremy Avrum

Ph.D. in Japanese History, Harvard University

**Vice Chair, Graduate Division Head, Associate Professor,
Acting Director of the Research Institute for Humanities**

Courses taught

Course code	Course title
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – The Samurai in Japanese Culture
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies – Japan & World War II in Asia
JASP 5611	Japan's Modern Transformation, 1600-1945
JASP 5617	History in Postwar Japan

Studying with MAJS

- ❖ **Is the workload heavy?**
- ❖ **What can I learn from the course?**
- ❖ **What are the courses offered?**
- ❖ **When is the class time?**



Workload

- ❖ Students are recommended to **take two courses per semester**
- ❖ Students should expect to spend **approximately 3 hours per week** to complete the readings of each course
- ❖ More time would be required prior mid-term and final assessments

Learning outcomes

- ❖ **The Programme provides the tools to enhance student's ability to continue investigating Japan and understanding more of our own society**
- ❖ **For those who have opportunities for interacting with Japanese people and who travel to Japan either for business or leisure, the Programme will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture, history, and language, and enable more rewarding experiences in Japan-related areas**

Course offering – core courses

❖ **JASP5517**

Japanese Communication through Language and Culture

❖ **JASP5519**

Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan

❖ **JASP5601**

Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies

Course offering – elective courses

- **JASP5501 Teaching Japanese as a Second Language (N1 required)**
- **JASP5515 Japanese Linguistics (N2 required)**
- **JASP5522 Chinese-Japanese Interpretation (N1 required)**
- **JASP5611 Japan's Modern Transformation, 1600-1945**
- **JASP5612 Critical Analysis of Popular Culture**
- **JASP5613 Thematic Study of Japanese Film**
- **JASP5614 Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective**
- **JASP5615 Anthropology of Japan**
- **JASP5617 History of Postwar Japan**

Course offering – elective courses

- **JASP5618 Contemporary Japan-China Relations**
- **JASP5619 Philosophy in Japanese Culture**
- **JASP5620 Japanese Cultural Identity**
- **JASP5621 Japanese Management: Work, Culture, and Capitalism**
- **JASP5622 The Global Japanese**
- **JASP5060 Special Topics in Japanese Studies***
- **JASP5530 Special Topics in Japanese Language***
- **JASP5700 Independent Research Project**

***Special topics subjects encompass an array of Japanese related study fields and the topics varies from year to year**

Learning environment

- ❖ **An engaging learning environment where one may meet classmates with similar interests**
- ❖ **Topics are relevant to daily life in Hong Kong and will enhance the experience of dealing with Japanese people, both at work or private, or traveling to Japan**

Class times and venues

- ❖ **Most classes are offered in classrooms close to University station**
- ❖ **Courses are offered on**
 - **Weekday evenings (7:00pm-9:30pm)**
 - **Saturdays (morning session 10:00am-12:30pm or afternoon session 2:30pm-5:00pm)**

Access to CUHK libraries and resources

- ❖ **Access to excellent resources and facilities offered by the Chinese University of Hong Kong**
- ❖ **CUHK libraries contain a world-class collection of Japanese studies materials in Japanese, Chinese, and English**

Learning activities

In addition to lectures and small-group discussions.....

- ❖ **Cultural, social, and academic activities**
- ❖ **Academic talks, workshops**
- ❖ **Academic lunch or student gatherings**
- ❖ **Study tour to Japan (on voluntary-basis, subject to the Division's final decision, varies from year-to-year)**



Activities in recent years



❖ **Practice speaking Japanese with a professional teacher**



❖ **Meeting with a business leader for dinner**

Scholarships



- ❖ **We have provided scholarships for students obtaining the highest GPA among year-one students**

Exchange Activities



- ❖ **When borders were closed during the pandemic, we held online exchange activities.**
- ❖ **When borders open, students plan to visit Japan and host Japanese students in Hong Kong.**

MAJS alumni

What are they doing after they graduated from MA Programme in Japanese Studies?



Heidi Lee, Ph.D. student, Waseda University (Japan) (MAJS class of 2019)



“MAJS Programme would definitely quench your thirst for knowledge of the country’s culture and traditions, and help you build a strong foundation in this area of study.

The professors’ research interests, academic backgrounds made the Department an ideal place for me to pursue my academic passion and prepare for further study.”

Dr. Samantha MA, Solicitor, Ph.D., University of Sheffield (UK) (2020) **(MAJS class of 2014)**



“The course not only enriched my knowledge of Japanese history and culture, but also let me come to know fellow classmates who come from diverse backgrounds while sharing the same interests in Japanese language and culture.

It is the course of international relations of Japan that I took from the MA class that inspired me to pursue a Ph.D. studying the constitutional revision of Japan.”

How to apply? Who is eligible?

- ❖ **Is knowledge of Japanese language a pre-requisite for application?**
- ❖ **What are the entry requirements?**
- ❖ **How much is the tuition fee?**
- ❖ **How long is the Programme duration?**
- ❖ **What are the graduation requirements?**



Admission



- ❖ **All applicants shall have obtained a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university, normally with honours not lower than Second Class;**
- ❖ **English language proficiency:**
 - **A pass in HKALE or**
 - **Achieve level 4 or above in the HKDSE; or**
 - **A degree obtained from a university in HK or a degree programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or**
 - **Achieved certain scores of one of the following - TOEFL, IELTS, GMAT***

(*for details, please refer to Graduate School website:

<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/requirements>)

Graduation



Students are required:

- ❖ to **complete and pass 24 units** of courses offered by this Programme with **at least 3 units selected from the core course list**
- ❖ to achieve **a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0**
- ❖ **if a student fails a course, he/she must enroll in an additional 3-unit course and receive a passing grade in order to complete the degree. A supplementary course fee is applied**

Duration of study (part-time mode)

❖ Normative study period: 2 years

❖ Maximum study period: 4 years

Tuition fee

- ❖ **HK\$121,000 to be settled in 4 installments per semester**
- ❖ **Year 1 (HK\$60,500 for 2 Terms)**
- ❖ **Year 2 (HK\$60,500 for 2 Terms)**
- ❖ **Students are expected to complete the Programme in two years**
- ❖ **Any course/s taken beyond this two-year period will be charged on a per course basis (HK\$15,126 per course)**

CEF (continuing education fund)

- ❖ **The Programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund**
- ❖ **CEF reimbursable courses commenced on or after 1 August 2022:**
 - **The maximum entitlement for new applicants is HK\$25,000**
 - **For applicants who have opened CEF accounts before 1 August 2022, they are eligible for claiming the additional HK\$5,000 subsidy and the unused balance (if any) of the original subsidy HK\$20,000**
- ❖ **Reimbursement conditions*:**
 - **Achieved at least D grade for each course**
 - **Achieved at least 70% face-to-face attendance for all the classes enrolled within the study period**

Application deadlines

- **Priority round: 1 Dec 2022**
- **Final round : 31 Mar 2023**

***Subject to availability, applications after deadline will be considered.**

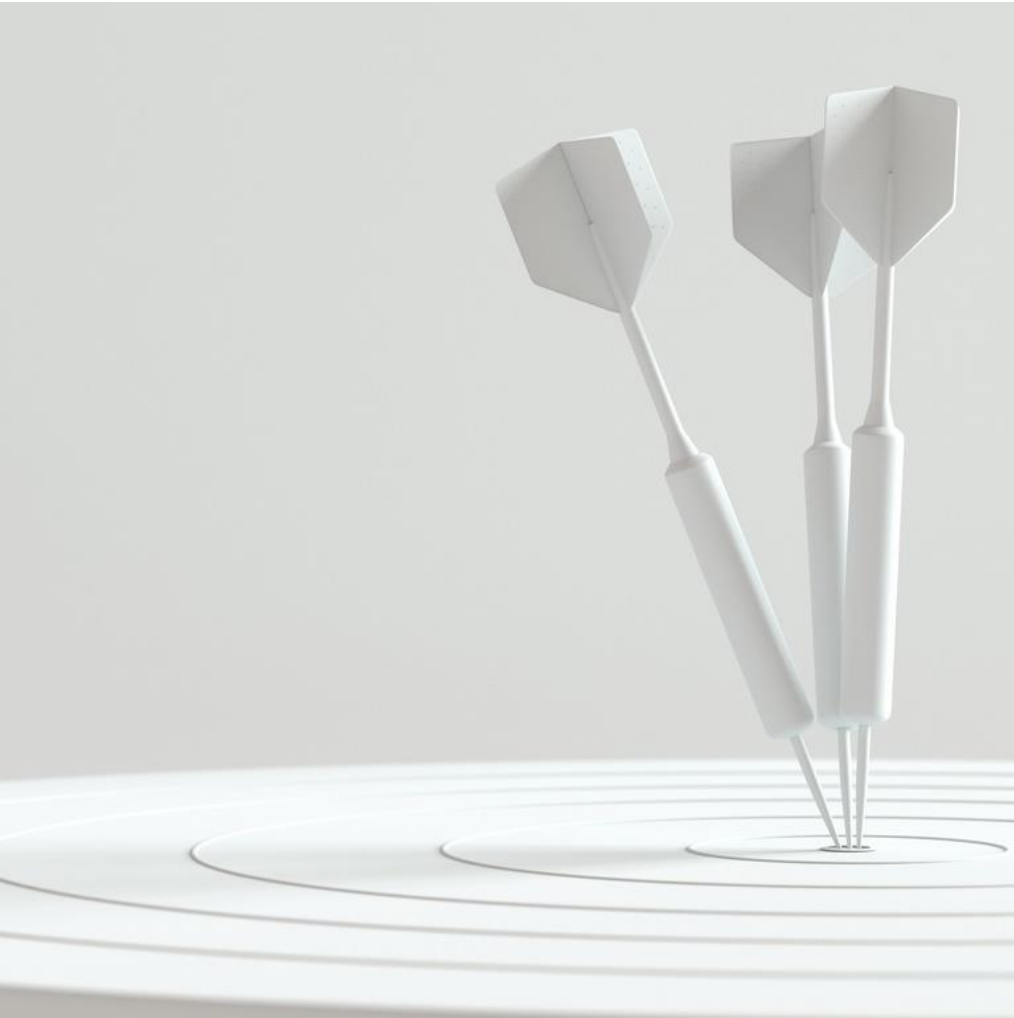


Admission online



Programme information





Thank you

Thank you for your participation in the information session.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

ご清聴ありがとうございました

