


香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Master of Arts in Japanese Studies 日本研究文學碩士

Faculty of Arts
Division of Japanese Studies



Why Study for an MA in Japanese Studies?

Are you highly intrigued by Japanese culture, society, and language? Are you thinking of furthering your studies or career in ways that are related to Japan? If yes, the MA Programme in Japanese Studies, CUHK, may be the right programme for you.

The Master of Arts in Japanese Studies offers training in topics related to Japanese society, culture, history, and language and enables students to better prepare themselves for further studies or careers in directions related to Japan.

Programme Objectives

The MA Programme in Japanese Studies aims to provide a rigorous education in Japanese studies from inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary perspectives for students who have not majored in Japanese studies or Japanese language programmes, and for students who have majored in Japanese studies and who would like to build upon their knowledge with advanced study in specialized topics.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this taught postgraduate program, students will be able to:

1. identify and critically analyze major social science theories and approaches used in the study of Japanese society and culture;
2. identify and articulate key social and cultural issues affecting modern Japan;
3. recognize and apply appropriate approaches in understanding a variety of social and cultural issues in Japan;



Applicants who have graduated from a recognized university and obtained a bachelor's degree, normally with honours not lower than Second Class will be considered, and prior knowledge of Japanese language and culture is encouraged but not required.



Programme Information

Programme

MA Programme in Japanese Studies

Tuition Fee

HK \$ 121,000 (23-24 intake)

Medium of Instruction

English

Study Mode

Part-time

Duration

2 years normative study period;
4 years maximum study period

Programme Director

Professor Lynne NAKANO

Programme Structure & Curriculum

Students are required to:

- ❖ complete 24 units of courses with at least 3 units selected from the core course list
- ❖ achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

Core Courses (students must complete at least one core course)

JASP 5517	Japanese Communication through Language and Culture
JASP 5519	Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan
JASP 5601	Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies

Elective Courses (course offerings vary from year to year)

JASP 5501	Teaching Japanese as a Second Language (JLPT N1 required)
JASP 5515	Japanese Linguistics (JLPT N2 required)
JASP 5522	Chinese-Japanese Interpretation and Translation (JLPT N1 required)
JASP 5611	Japan's Modern Transformations, 1600-1945
JASP 5612	Critical Analysis of Popular Culture
JASP 5613	Thematic Study of Japanese Films
JASP 5614	Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective
JASP 5615	Anthropology of Japan
JASP 5617	History of Postwar Japan
JASP 5618	Contemporary Japan-China Relations
JASP 5619	Philosophy in Japanese Culture
JASP 5620	Japanese Cultural Identity
JASP 5621	Japanese Management: Work, Culture and Capitalism
JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Languages (may be repeated for credit)
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

Admission Requirements

All applicants shall have:

- ❖ graduated from a recognized university and obtained a bachelor's degree, normally with honours not lower than Second Class or achieving an average grade of not lower than "B"; or
- ❖ completed a course of study in a tertiary educational institution and obtained professional or similar qualifications equivalent to a bachelor's degree.
- ❖ fulfilled the "English Language Requirement for Admission" * prescribed by the Graduate School before they are admitted.

*Please refer to Graduate School website at:

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

**Knowledge of Japanese Language is not required.*

Online Application/ Deadline

- ❖ **Online application**

<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/programme/arts#main-japanese-studies>

- ❖ **Application deadline**

Priority Round: 1 December 2022

Final Round: 31 March 2023



**Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until all places have been filled.*

Continuing Education Fund

This Programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund and is recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level 6).

- ❖ CEF Course Title: Master of Arts in Japanese Studies
- ❖ CEF Course Code: 38M122804
- ❖ Please refer to the CEF Office webpage for details:

<https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef/en/index.htm>

Our Alumni's Sharing



Dr. Samantha MA

Solicitor

Ph.D, University of Sheffield (UK) (2020)

(MAJS Class of 2014)

“Out of my interest in Japanese language and culture, I studied the MA in Japanese Studies in CUHK. 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. Coming from a legal background, politics interest me. 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.”

“Whether you are a would-be Japanese Studies scholar or a Japanese culture enthusiast, this 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 – in Western countries and Japan – and language abilities together made the Department an ideal place for me to pursue my academic passion and prepare for further study.”



Heidi Lee

PhD student, Waseda University (Japan)

(MAJS Class of 2019)

“Throughout my studies in MAJS, I found the program comprehensive and interesting. The stereotype of Japan in my mind was completely changed and I had a new scope on traditional and modern culture of Japan. After graduation, I decided to take a PhD program to indulge in researching Japanese intellectual history and philosophy. During the five-year study career, I was glad to have the opportunity to participate in academic conferences and publish in journals. All these let me better understand the connotation of research and the role of a scholar. These also enhanced the advancement of my mind and thorough detailed thinking.”



Jacky Siu

PhD graduate, Japanese Studies,

CUHK (Hong Kong)

(MAJS Class of 2015)

Programme Activities

Our programme and student representatives organize extra-curricular activities throughout the year including a campus tour, graduation party, Japanese cultural activities, exchanges with Japanese universities, seminars and talks, and a summer study trip (if circumstances allow).



M.A. Programme in Japanese Studies

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