Japanese Program
Learn Japanese and Be an Achiever
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日本語プログラムに
ようこそ
Thank you for your interest
in our Japanese Program!
Imagine Yourself

- Writing beautiful Japanese characters
- Texting in Japanese
- Speaking to exchange students from Japan
- Understanding Japanese in Pop-culture
- Having fun in Japan
Japanese Program at UNCG

- At UNCG Japanese language instruction started in the 1990s
- Among the Asian language programs, Japanese has the longest history
- The JNS program offers the language courses in sequence up to the 300 level and various courses taught in English
Language Courses

• JNS 101 Elementary Japanese I (Fall)
• JNS 102 Elementary Japanese II (Spring)
• JNS 203 Intermediate Japanese I (Fall)
• JNS 204 Intermediate Japanese II (Spring)
• JNS 301 Advanced Grammar and Conversation (Fall)
• JNS 302 3rd Year Japanese Language Conversation, and Composition (Spring)

• JNS 210 Current Topics Conversation (Prerequisite JNS204)
Cultural Studies Courses and more

• JNS 220 Modern Japan (GN/IGS/SI)
• JNS 230 Women in Japanese Literature and Film (GN/GLT/IGS/WGS/SI)
• JNS 305 Topics in Japanese Culture (GN/IGS)
• JNS 306 Current Issues in Japan (GN/IGS/SI)
• JNS 499 Practicum (Service Learning)
Meet your "Sensei"

• Dr. Yosei Sugawara (JNS 101, 102, 301, and 302)
  https://llc.uncg.edu/people/sugawara/

• Dr. Chiaki Takagi (JNS203, 204, and cultural studies courses/SVL)
  https://llc.uncg.edu/people/takagi/
Why Japanese?

Japan shares business partnership and cultural friendship with the U.S and many other countries in the world.

Learning Japanese broadens your cultural perspectives and enriches your opportunities for employment upon graduation.
Learning Japanese exposes you to GREAT Ways to

G - Get Globally connected
R - Rethink your own culture
E - Explore future opportunities
A - Access pop-culture and cutting-edge technology
T - Think critically
But…

Yes, learning Japanese is challenging. But it will make you an achiever.

If you do not know anything about the language now, don’t worry. We will take good care of you.

Our Japanese program is designed to improve your four language skills: listening, speaking, writing, and reading.
Can I major in Japanese?

Well… at this point, we do not offer Japanese as a major. But you CAN

• Study Japanese as your primary language for LLC major with Global Language and Communities concentration
  https://llc.uncg.edu/ba-llc/global-languages-communities-concentration/

• Be an IGS major/minor with Asian Studies concentration
  https://igs.uncg.edu/concentrations/asian-studies/
Yes! We have study abroad exchange partners in Japan

- Kyoto Sangyo University (Kyoto)
- Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto)
- Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (Nagoya)
- Seinan Gakuin University (Fukuoka)
- Okayama University (Okayama)

For more info: https://international.uncg.edu/study-abroad/
Questions? Need a placement test?

Contact Dr. Chiaki Takagi at c_Takagi@uncg.edu
Annual Events

Asian Autumn Festival (Fall)

International Festival (I-Fest) (Spring)

Greensboro Japanese Speech Contest (Spring)
https://llc.uncg.edu/japanese/greensboro-japanese-speech-contest-2021
Japanese Club (J-Club)

https://uncg.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/sd246

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