

JAPANESE, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	All 51 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.50 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements PhD candidates should maintain a 3.5 GPA in all coursework and may not have any more than two incompletes on their record at any one time.

Assessments and Examinations Japanese linguistics students need to complete two take-home preliminary examinations that cover the following three areas:

- Japanese applied linguistics / Japanese language education;
- research methods and data analysis;
- analysis of an issue that reflects the student's specific research interests.

Japanese literature/culture students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary examination.

All students must present a dissertation proposal to the members of their Dissertation Committee and have it accepted within one semester of passing the preliminary examination.

Language Requirements Japanese linguistics students are required to demonstrate basic knowledge of the structure of one Asian language other than Japanese, equivalent to two semesters' language instruction on campus. The language requirements must be completed by time when students finish taking the preliminary exams.

Japanese literature students must demonstrate reading proficiency in both classical Japanese and Japanese.

Graduate School Breadth Requirements All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

REQUIRED COURSES

Linguistics Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 435	Teaching of Japanese	3
ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics (Repeatable)	3

Additional Coursework ²

Must be graduate-level courses from departments such as ASIAN, ENGL, FRENCH, ITALIAN, GERMAN, LINGUIS, SPANISH, PORTUG, CURRIC, ANTHRO, SOC, PSYCH that cover relevant topics to be determined in consultation with the co-advisor.

Breadth **9-12**

Dissertator Credits

Students must enroll in enough dissertator credits to reach the 51-credit minimum. **12+**

ASIAN 990	Thesis Research
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Total Credits

51

¹ These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

² It is recommended that students take a research methods course.

Literature Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ASIAN 533	Readings in Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 763	Studies in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 833	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
Additional Coursework		
Must be graduate level courses from departments such as ART HIST, ASIAN, ENGL, FRENCH, ITALIAN, HISTORY that cover relevant topics to be determined in consultation with the co-advisors. Students must also take three additional courses in Japanese literature / culture numbered 700 or higher.		12-15
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