

Program Learning Outcomes

Japanese

Japanese Language

1. Demonstrate practical functionality in all four aspects of the Japanese language, i.e., in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
2. Utilizing a thorough knowledge of foundation-level Japanese grammar and vocabulary, comprehend and respond appropriately to spoken commands and announcements, to medium-length spoken accounts of sequences of event and other similar narrations, and to speech used in commonly occurring situations in daily and academic life.
3. Demonstrate sensitivity to the cultural styles of Japanese verbal discourse to include strategies to deal with unpredictable situations and complications, narrating and responding to questions about past events, and discussing social issues.
4. Demonstrate a functional level of literacy in Japanese reading and writing in the language to include a wide range of topics and in various formats.

Japanese Literature

5. Demonstrate broad familiarity with the literary history of Japan from the classical through the medieval and pre-modern periods to the modern and postwar eras.
6. Demonstrate critical skills and interpretive perspectives in reading and analyzing various literary texts, often within a broad social, political, and cultural context.
7. Demonstrate broad comparative awareness in contextualizing Japanese literary production within the cultural milieu of Asia, particularly of China, and, after the mid-nineteenth century, of the West.