


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 enables students to acquire a multidisciplinary understanding of modern and pre-modern Japan and prepares them for working in Japan-related careers. Regardless of prior experience of the Japanese language, all students have access to a broad range of courses exploring the richness of Japanese culture, history, literature, media, and contemporary Japanese society, as well as Japan's place in Asia and the world. We teach the necessary functional skills to those who want to work in or with Japan and prepare those who intend to further their studies on a doctoral programme. You will benefit from opportunities for network building and mentoring on academic and career success.

Programme Objectives

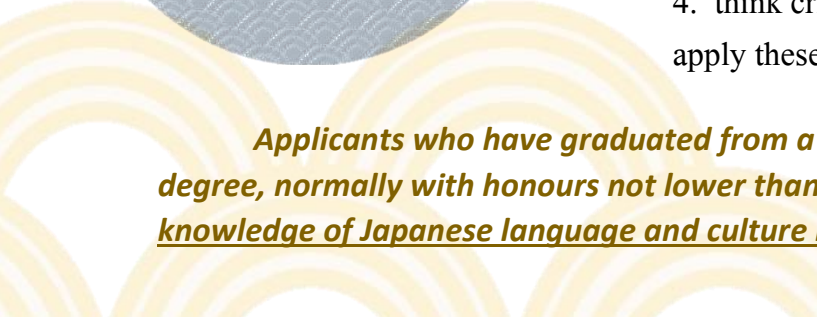
The MA Programme in Japanese Studies aims to provide a rigorous education in Japanese studies from inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary perspectives for students who have not majored in Japanese studies or Japanese language programmes, and for students who have majored in Japanese studies and who 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;
4. think critically and constructively about Japan, and be able to apply these critical approaches to analyzing other societies.

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

Study Mode	Full-time (effective from 24-25)	Part-time
Normative Study Period	1 years	2 years
Maximum Study Period	3 years	4 years
Tuition Fee (for 24-25 intake)	HK\$ 121,000 per annum	HK\$ 60,500 per annum

**Medium of Instruction: English, Chinese & Japanese (subject to courses offered)*

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 (repeated for credit)
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Languages (repeated for credit/JLPT N1 or N2 required)
JASP 5700	Independent Research Project

**A few code-sharing courses that share lectures with undergraduate courses offered in daytime may be introduced. The information will be announced if available.*

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" *

*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#ma-in-japanese-studies>

- ❖ **Application deadline**

Priority Round: 1 December 2023

Final Round: 31 March 2024



**Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until all places have been filled. Therefore, early applications are encouraged.*

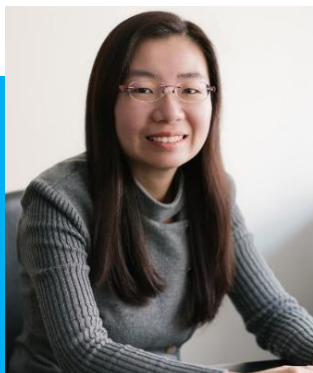
Continuing Education Fund (CEF)

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

Barrister-at-law

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

(MAJS Class of 2014)

“Owing to my deep fascination with the Japanese language and culture, I pursued a Master's degree in Japanese Studies at CUHK. This program not only expanded my understanding of Japanese history and culture, but also provided me with the opportunity to connect with fellow classmates who came from diverse backgrounds but shared a similar passion for Japanese language and culture. Coming from a legal background, I have always been intrigued by politics. It was during my MA studies, particularly through a course on international relations of Japan, that I found inspiration to pursue a Ph.D. focused on studying the constitutional revision of Japan. The research conducted for my Ph.D. thesis eventually led to its publication as a book.”

“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).



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Programme
Information



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