

FACULTY OF ARTS

Japanese Studies

Study Scheme

M.Phil. – Ph.D. Programme in Japanese Studies (Full-time and Part-time)

Applicable to students admitted in 2022-23 and thereafter

A. M.Phil. Student

1. Coursework Requirement

(a) For Full-time Students

(i) Lecture courses:

First to Second Years of Attendance: **12 units**

Required course: JASP5001

First to Second Years of Attendance:

Any 9 units of courses from the following course list as advised by the Division:

JASP5010, JASP5020, JASP5030, JASP5031, JASP5041, JASP5051, JASP5052, JASP5060, JASP5070, JASP5811 and JASP5813

OR from other postgraduate Programme/s offered by the Division of Japanese Studies or other Divisions approved by Division Head.

(ii) Thesis research/monitoring courses:

First to Second Years of Attendance: **24 units**

JASP8006 Thesis Research (Register for 4 consecutive terms from the first semester of study)

Continuing students are required to register for JASP8003 carrying 3 units per term until submission of their graduation thesis

Total: 36 units

(b) For Part-time Students

(i) Lecture courses:

First to Second Years of Attendance: **12 units**

Required course: JASP5001

First to Third Years of Attendance:

Any 9 units of courses from the following course list as advised by the Division:

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OR from other postgraduate Programme/s offered by the Division of Japanese Studies or other Divisions approved by Division Head.

- (ii) Thesis research/monitoring courses:

First to Third Years of Attendance:

18 units

JASP8003 Thesis Research

(Register for 6 consecutive terms from the first semester of study)

Continuing students are required to register for JASP8003 carrying 3 units per term until submission of their graduation thesis

Total: 30 units

2. Other Requirements

- (a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Clause 13.0 "Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies" of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) A student must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in order to fulfill the graduation requirement, unless special approval is granted by the Graduate Council.
- (c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation.
- (d) Complete an Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module on "Observing Intellectual Property and Copyright Law during Research". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
- (e) Complete an IPL module on "Research Data Management Training". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>. Students are required to complete and pass the module in their first year of studies, with effect from the 2022-23 intake.
- (f) Students are required to complete an online Research Ethics Training (RET) module on "Publication Ethics" offered by the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services (ORKTS) and obtain a valid Publication Ethics Certificate for graduation. Relevant information can be accessed from the RET website at <https://www.research-ethics.cuhk.edu.hk/web/>.

B. Ph.D. Students (Pre-candidacy)

The "candidacy requirement" composes of three major parts, namely, coursework requirement, candidacy examination, and thesis proposal (and oral defence). Students must complete and fulfill all three parts within the "maximum period for fulfilling candidacy requirements". Details of the requirement are listed below:

1. Coursework Requirement

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First to Second Years of Attendance (for both Full-time/Part-time students):

12 units

Required course: JASP5001 (Students who have attended JASP5001 in the M.Phil. stream are required to take a substitution course offered by other postgraduate programme/s of the Division of Japanese Studies or other Divisions approved by Division Head).

First to Second Years of Attendance (for Full-time students)/First entry to the 32nd month (for Part-time students):

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First to Second Years of Attendance (for both Full-time/Part-time students): **12 units**

Required course: JASP5001

First to Third (For Full-time students)/Fourth (for Part-time students) Years of Attendance:

Any 9 units of courses from the following course list as advised by the Division:

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(b) Thesis research/monitoring courses:

In addition to the lecture courses listed above, students are required to register for Thesis Research courses each term.

Full-time Students: JASP8006 Thesis Research

Part-time Students: JASP8003 Thesis Research

Continuing students are required to register for JASP8003 carrying 3 units per term until submission of their graduation thesis

2. *Candidacy Examination*

- The examination shall consist of two parts taken separately, each part lasting three hours. Each examination is graded by three faculty members selected by the Graduate Panel. All examination questions must be approved by the Graduate Panel.
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After passing the candidacy examination, a thesis proposal must be submitted and defended before an examination board to be constituted by the Graduate Panel. Upon the approval of the thesis proposal, the student will be awarded Ph.D. Candidacy.

C. Ph.D. Students (Post-candidacy)

1. Coursework Requirement

Thesis research / monitoring courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term

Full-time students: JASP8012

Part-time students: JASP8006

Continuing students: JASP8003

2. Other Requirements

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Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
JASP5001	Theory and Research Methods	3
JASP5010	Special Topics in Japanese Popular Culture	3
JASP5020	Special Topics in Sino-Japanese Relations	3
JASP5030	Special Topics in the Anthropology of Japan	3
JASP5031	Special Topics in Gender Studies of Japan	3
JASP5041	Special Topics in the Japanese Political Economy	3
JASP5051	Special Topics in Cross Linguistic Research	3
JASP5052	Special Topics in Linguistic Research and Japanese Language Teaching	3
JASP5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies (multiple taking allowed)	3
JASP5070	Special Research Topics in Japanese Studies (multiple taking allowed)	3
JASP5811	Japan-China Intellectual and Cultural Exchange in the Early Modern Period	3
JASP5813	Japanese Culture and Society in Regional and Global Perspective	3
JASP8003	Thesis Research	3
JASP8006	Thesis Research	6
JASP8012	Thesis Research	12

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1. Our research programmes aim to educate researchers to embark on careers that would allow them to become world leaders in their fields, working as university professors, principal investigators in research institutes, senior managers in enterprises, or experts in other professions related to the pursuit and application of knowledge.

2. The University expects **doctoral degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired in-depth knowledge in a number of major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Doctoral degree graduates should have accumulated enough educational experience and background learning to be capable of performing independent research to advance scholarship, with global standards. In particular, doctoral graduates should have the ability to identify research trends and opportunities, venture into new research areas when appropriate, define long-term research objectives, formulate original research problems, and originate and develop solution methodologies. Doctoral graduates should be capable of producing research output at a level that can either lead to publications in high-ranking scholastic venues, or to novel applications in relevant industrial, commercial, or other public sectors, or to other forms of useful knowledge transfer to society. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing and some teaching experiences through student tutoring.

3. The University expects **master's degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired advanced knowledge in major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Master's degree graduates should have gained enough background knowledge to enable them to perform research with minimal supervision. In particular, they should have the ability to formulate individual research tasks and to develop solution methodologies under minimal supervision. Master's degree graduates should be capable of producing original, innovative research output, some of which may lead to publication in well-respected scholastic venues. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing.

4. For graduates of research programmes at both doctoral and master's level, communication and language skills at a level appropriate to university graduates are expected already at the time of admission. In particular, fluent communication skills are expected in the language(s) essential to their research areas. In general, a high level of proficiency in English is expected as it is commonly regarded as the default international research language. Ability in a second language is encouraged.