



# JASP2720 JAPANESE LITERATURE

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The aim of this course is to provide students with a historical outline of Japanese literature. Major works and writers of different periods will be introduced through Chinese/English translation or the original works if students possess sufficient Japanese reading ability. We will read masterpieces of Japanese literature—from its beginnings to the present day—and learn how to place them in important cultural and historical contexts. The course is also an introduction to literary study, which means that students will be given the opportunity to develop the reading, writing, and speaking skills necessary to engage critically and imaginatively with literature in general. Taught in English.

