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ABOUT MAJS



The MA in Japanese Studies is an interdisciplinary programme that aims to provide students with a proficiency and advanced knowledge of Japan and its impact on East Asia and the world.

The programme offers a rich curriculum of courses in the humanities and social sciences, enabling students to explore a wide range of topics and develop a nuanced understanding of the values and forces that have shaped the development of contemporary Japan. Through its contextually informed approach to area studies, the programme aims to help students become global citizens who can think critically and apply the skills they have acquired during their studies to their future careers.

The Master of Arts in Japanese Studies offers a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding modern Japan. Our aim is to enrich students' knowledge of Japan by **providing a broad range of courses that cover various aspects of Japanese culture, history, literature, media, and contemporary society.**

We focus on developing practical skills and knowledge for those interested in deepening their understanding of Japan. The program **equips students with a well-rounded education, preparing them for further studies or a deeper engagement with Japanese culture and society.**

Whether your interest lies in academic research, professional development, or personal enrichment, **the Master of Arts in Japanese Studies can be your gateway to a greater engagement with Japanese people and culture.**

Programme Director's message:

Welcome to the Master of Arts in Japanese Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong! Our programme enables students to acquire a multi-disciplinary understanding of modern and contemporary Japan and is the only one of its kind in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Regardless of your previous Japanese language experience, you will have access to a wide range of courses that explore the richness of Japanese culture, history, literature, media and Japanese society, as well as Japan's place in Asia and the world. You will also benefit from networking opportunities and mentoring for academic and career success. Since its establishment in 2012 our programme has produced hundreds of graduates. We invite you to join our Japanese Studies community at CUHK!



Prof. Jeremy Avrum YELLEN

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COURSE LIST

Core courses

(students must complete at least one core course)

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)

Japanese studies related

JASP 5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies
JASP 5517	Japanese Communication through Language and Culture
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 5622	The Global Japanese
JASP 5623	Anthropology of Japanese Popular Culture
JASP 5624	Japanese Language and Society (JLPT N2 required)
JASP 5625	Japanese Philosophy
JASP 5626	Media and Technology in Japan
JASP 5627	Asia and Asianism in Modern Japanese History

Japanese language related

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 5523	Advanced English-Japanese Translation (JLPT N1 or N2 required)
JASP 5524	Japanese Dialectology (JLPT N1 required)
JASP 5525	Japanese Business Writing and Presentation (JLPT N1 required)
JASP 5530	Special Topics in Japanese Languages (JLPT N1 required)

Research topics related

JASP 5700	Independent Research Project
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Scan here for details of
the Course Catalogue.

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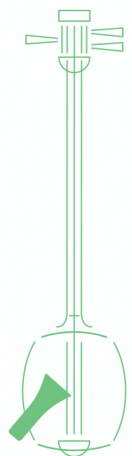
PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



Diverse Selection of Courses Taught by Experienced Professors

Our professors bring distinct research profiles, enriching our department with varied specializations across the spectrum of Japanese studies, from language and literature to historical contexts and cultural analyses. This diversity ensures that you have access to a wide range of perspectives and approaches to the study of Japan.

With their wealth of knowledge, expertise, and experience, our professors create a dynamic and engaging learning environment for students.



Cultural Learning

We believe in providing a holistic learning experience. In collaboration with our dedicated student representatives, we curate a captivating array of Japanese cultural activities and workshops throughout the year.

From **Japanese Budo** to **Shamisen** and the delicate artistry of **Wagashi (traditional Japanese sweets)**, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Japan.



Exploring Japan

We assist in organizing student-led summer trips to Japan. These trips provide a hands-on experience, allowing for a deeper immersion in Japanese society. You will gain invaluable insights into its culture, language, and customs, enhancing your understanding of Japan.



** Please note that the activities may differ each year and are subject to availability.*

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ALUMNI SHARING

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 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. ”



Heidi LEE

PhD student, Waseda University (Japan)
(MAJS Class of 2019)

“ 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. ”



Jacky SIU

PhD graduate, Japanese Studies,
CUHK (Hong Kong)
(MAJS Class of 2015)

“ 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 my five-year study career, I was glad to have had 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. ”



Karman TSEUNG

Marketing specialist in F&B sector
and Japan tourism
(MAJS Class of 2014)

“ I have been in love with the Japanese language and modern culture since secondary school, and I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue my master’s studies at CUHK, where I had the privilege of learning from inspiring lecturers and professors who enlightened me in every way. It was also important to connect with a group of classmates who share the same enthusiasm for Japanese culture as I do, and build a strong network among us. After graduating, I spent a year living in Tokyo, where I was able to apply the knowledge and insights gained from my master degree to practical situations. I could effectively integrate what I learned from my course to enhance my job performance. My enriching experiences at CUHK have equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in my career path. ”



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TIMELINE

November — January

(varies from year to year)

- Information Session

September

- Admissions Open /
- Commencement of New Term

December — February

- Priority Round Offer Release

February — June

- Final Round Offer Release

February — May

- Visa application period

End of March / April

- Admission Application Deadline

August

- Course Registration
- Orientation

* Timeline is subject to change whenever necessary.

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FACT SHEETS

CUHK Graduate School General Admission Requirements



Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must have :

1. 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*
2. Completed a course of study in a tertiary educational institution and obtained professional or similar qualifications equivalent to a bachelor's degree.
3. Fulfilled the "English Language Requirement for Admission" prescribed by the Graduate School before they are admitted.
(Prior knowledge of Japanese language and culture is not required.)

Application Link



Application Procedure



Application Checklist

All applicants

1. Online Application Form
2. Latest original transcripts and grading scheme to be sent directly from the issuing university
3. Copy of Graduation Certificate
4. Confidential Recommendations
5. Official documents to be sent directly from the issuing institution showing English Proficiency as required by the CUHK Graduate School
6. HKID or other identification documents
7. One A4 page "Personal Statement / Reason for Application" written in English or Japanese in PDF format
8. Other documents as required otherwise

Chinese Mainland graduate applicants

1. Valid Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表) ; *and*
2. A Valid Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate (中國高等教育學位在線驗證報告) issued by the CHESICC (學信網) together with the degree certificate and graduation certificate

Student Visa Application



REMARKS For Non-local Students On Visa Application

Visa application may require lengthy processing and approval time.

Upon confirmation of an offer, students are recommended to apply for a visa as soon as possible according to the instructions provided on the Graduate School website.

持續進修基金 Continuing Education Fund (CEF)

CEF
Office webpage



For Hong Kong residents :

The MAJS 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) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

CEF Course Title : **Master of Arts in Japanese Studies**

CEF Course Code : **38M122804**

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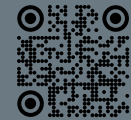


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