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2026-2027 INFORMATION SESSION

TODAY'S RUNDOWN

18:00 - 18:30	Briefing (PPT) - by Prof. Yellen
18:30 - 18:45	MAJS students' sharing (2 in person, 1 in video)
18:45 - 19:00	Q & A



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9 October 2025 (Thursday)
6:00pm to 7:00pm



Zoom meeting

Speaker:
Professor Jeremy YELLEN
Programme Director

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Welcome Message

We invite you to join
the fascinating world of
Japanese Studies!





Questions you may want answered

- **When I meet Japanese people in a business or social setting, what are the proper things to do and say?**
- **When the earthquake and tsunami destroyed many towns and villages in northeastern Japan, why did the people seem so calm and accepting of the tragedy?**



Questions you may want answered

- **Why was Japan able to become an economic superpower before other Asian countries?**
- **Japanese people seem extremely polite. How do we understand this behavior?**
- **How do levels of politeness in Japanese speech reflect actual relationships between people?**

Questions you may want answered

- How do Japanese people view China and their own society as China has overtaken Japan as the world's second largest economy?
- How does Japan sustain its edge in the creative industries, continuing to produce innovative products and software?

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Teaching Team (Full-time Staff)

MAJS presents our expert and enthusiastic teaching staff with diverse intellectual perspectives





Prof. Lynne NAKANO

Ph.D. Anthropology (Yale University)

Chair, Professor

JASP 5519*

JASP 5700

Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan

Independent Research Project



Prof. NG, Wai Ming Benjamin

Ph.D., East Asian Studies (Princeton University)

Emeritus Professor and Research Professor

JASP 5700

Independent Research Project

*Core course



Prof. HO Chi Ming

Ph.D., Linguistics (University of Tsukuba)

Deputy Chair, Associate Professor

JASP5517

JASP5624

Japanese Communication through Language and Culture

Japanese Language and Society



Prof. Jeremy YELLEN

Ph.D. History (Harvard University)

Deputy Chair, Associate Professor

JASP5060JY

JASP5611

Special Topics in Japanese Studies: Asia at War

Japan's Modern Transformations, 1600-1945



Prof. Matthew MEWHINNEY

Ph.D., Japanese (University of California)

Associate Professor

JASP5060MM Special Topics in Japanese Studies:
Reading and Feeling with Japanese Literature



Prof. Kyle PETERS

Ph.D., East Asian Languages and Civilizations (University of Chicago)

Assistant Professor

JASP5625 Japanese Philosophy
JASP5060KP Special Topics in Japanese Studies:
Japanese Manga and Anime at Historical Perspective



Dr. Sanae UEDA

Ph.D., Language and Culture (Kyoto University of Foreign Studies)

Senior Lecturer

JASP5524 Japanese Dialectology
JASP5525 Japanese Business Writing and Presentation



Dr. Reijiro AOYAMA

Ph.D., Japanese Language and Literature (Peking University)

Senior Lecturer

JASP5523 Advanced English-Japanese Translation
JASP5622 The Global Japanese
JASP5626 Media and Technology in Japan



Dr. LIN Chaochun, Chalyne

Ph.D., Japanese Studies (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Lecturer

JASP5614

Japanese Literature in Historical Perspective

JASP5618

Contemporary Japan-China Relations

JASP5627

Asia and Asianism in Modern Japanese History



Dr. GUO Yingxia, Carol

Ph.D., Japanese Social and Cultural Science (Niigata University)

Lecturer

JASP5530

Special Topics in Japanese Studies: Japanese-Chinese Translation



Dr. TU Shiu Hong Simon

Ph.D., Japanese Studies (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Lecturer

JASP5601*

Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies

JASP5060

Special Topics in Japanese Studies: Modern Japanese Visual Culture

JASP5615

Anthropology of Japan

*Core course

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Studying with MAJS

- Is the workload heavy?
- What can I learn from the course?
- What are the courses offered?
- When is the class time?



Workload

- Part-time students are recommended to take two courses per semester
- Full-time students are recommended to take four courses per semester
- Students should expect to spend approximately 3-6 hours per week to complete the readings of each course
- More time would be required prior mid-term and final assessments

Learning outcomes

- The Programme provides the tools to enhance student's ability to continue investigating Japan and understanding more of our own society
- For those who have opportunities for interacting with Japanese people and who travel to Japan either for business or leisure, the Programme will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture, history, and language, and enable more rewarding experiences in Japan-related areas

Course offering (1/2)

Core courses

JASP5519	Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary Japan
JASP5601	Theory and Methods in Japanese Studies

Elective courses (Language)

JASP5501	Teaching Japanese as a Second Language (N1 required)
JASP5517	Japanese Communication through Language and Culture
JASP5523	Advanced English-Japanese Translation (N2 required)
JASP5524	Japanese Dialectology (N1 required)
JASP5525	Japanese Business Writing and Presentation (N1 required)
JASP5530	Special Topics in Japanese Language*
e.g.	- Japanese-Chinese Translation

Course offering (2/2)

Elective courses (non-Language)

JASP5060	Special Topics in Japanese Studies*
e.g.	- Contemporary Japanese Architecture Through Key Concept
	- Gender, Sexuality, and Family in Japan
	- Japanese Manga and Anime at Historical Perspective
	- Asia at War
	- Reading and Feeling with Japanese Literature
JASP5613	Thematic Study of Japanese Films
JASP5615	Anthropology of Japan
JASP5618	Contemporary Japan-China Relations
JASP5620	Japanese Cultural Identity
JASP5622	The Global Japanese
JASP5624	Japanese Language and Society
JASP5625	Japanese Philosophy
JASP5626	Media and Technology in Japan
JASP5627	Asia and Asianism in Modern Japanese History
JASP5700	Independent Research Project

Learning Environment

- **An engaging learning environment where one may meet classmates with similar interests**
- **Topics are relevant to daily life in Hong Kong and will enhance the experience of dealing with Japanese people, both at work or private, or traveling to Japan**

Class time and venues

- **Most classes are offered in classrooms close to University station (except for a number of *daytime classes)**
- **Courses are offered on:**
 - 1. Weekday evenings (7:00pm-9:30pm)**
 - 2. Saturdays (morning session 10:00am-12:30pm or afternoon session 2:30pm-5:00pm)**

**Daytime classes are subject to availability and details will be announced later*

Access to CUHK Libraries

- **Access to excellent resources and facilities offered by the Chinese University of Hong Kong**
- **CUHK libraries contain a world-class collection of Japanese studies materials in Japanese, Chinese, and English**

Learning activities

- **In addition to lectures and small-group discussions.....**
 - **Cultural, social, and academic activities**
 - **Academic talks, workshops**
 - **Academic lunch or student gatherings**
 - **Study tour to Japan (on voluntary-basis, subject to the Division's final decision, varies from year-to-year)**

Learning activities

24-25 MAJS summer study trip

2-day trip to Tokyo :

- Komaba Campus of University of Tokyo
- Tanaka Shōzō Memorial Hall
- Visits to Japanese companies
 - rayout inc. (rayout株式会社)
 - TOKYO LEGAL MIND K.K. (LEC) (LEC東京リーガルマインド)



Learning activities

Japanese table (subject to teachers' availability)



Learning activities

Lunch with MA teachers

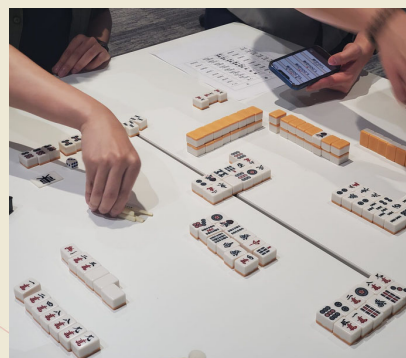


Learning activities

Programme Director and student gathering



Learning activities Japanese Mahjong



Learning activities Wagashi Workshop



Learning activities

Career Talk

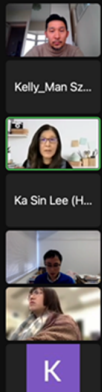


Learning activities

Workshop for Further Studies

Admission into
Ph.D.
Programme in
Japanese
Studies, CUHK:
Tips and Advice

- Contact potential supervisors in advance
- Ask advice of professors: What kind of topics would the department welcome?
- Apply to several programmes with the same/similar proposal. The proposal may need to be revised to address the particular focus of the programme and intended supervisor.
- Obtain the Japanese language levels appropriate to research task.
- Obtain disciplinary background – a BA or preferably Master's Degree in the relevant discipline (i.e., history, anthropology, linguistics) will help you in Ph.D. admissions and in your career.
- If you have little research experience, consider applying for an M.Phil. Instead of a Ph.D.



MAJS WORKSHOP

APPLYING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY AFTER MAJS

Speakers:

- Prof. Lynne Nakano
- Prof. Ng Ka Shing Guts
- Ms. Lee, Ka Sin Heidi

ONLINE WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM



Lynne Nakano is a professor and Chair of the Department of Japanese Studies at the CUHK. Her research focuses on changes in Japanese society, including volunteerism, marriage trends, employment, special education, disability, and comparative analysis with other East Asian societies.

Prof. Lynne Nakano



Ng Ka Shing Guts, a graduate of our undergraduate and MPhil programs in Japanese Studies, currently serves as an Associate Professor at Hokkaido University. He specializes in contemporary China and Japan, acting as both area study specialist and sociologist. His recent works have been published in many academic journals.

Prof. Ng Ka Shing Guts



Lee, Ka Sin Heidi, a 2019 graduate of our MA Programme in Japanese Studies, is currently a PhD student at Nihon University. She previously served as a research assistant in the Department of Japanese Studies at CUHK. Heidi received offers from four top graduate schools and will share her experiences regarding the application process.

Ms. Lee, Ka Sin Heidi

2024. 2. 17(SAT)
1430-1600

Registration
Deadline 2024. 2. 14

REGISTRATION



Zoom information will be announced via registered email address 2-3 days prior to the scheduled meeting.



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MAJS alumni

What are they doing after they graduated from MA Programme in Japanese Studies?



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"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 made the Department an ideal place for me to pursue my academic passion and prepare for further study."

HEIDI LEE, PH.D. STUDENT,
WASEDA UNIVERSITY (JAPAN)
(MAJS class of 2019)



"The course not only enriched my knowledge of Japanese history and culture, but also let me come to know fellow classmates who come from diverse backgrounds while sharing the same interests in Japanese language and culture.

It is the course of international relations of Japan that I took from the MA class that inspired me to pursue a Ph.D. studying the constitutional revision of Japan."

**DR. SAMANTHA MA, SOLICITOR,
PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF
SHEFFIELD (UK) (2020)**
(MAJS class of 2014)



"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.

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 have learned from my course to enhance my job performance. My enriching experiences at CUHK has equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in my career path."

**KARMAN TSEUNG, MARKETING SPECIALIST
IN F&B SECTOR AND JAPAN TOURISM**
(MAJS class of 2014)

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How to apply? Who is eligible?

- Is knowledge of Japanese language a pre-requisite for application?
- What are the entry requirements?
- How much is the tuition fee?
- How long is the Programme duration?
- What are the graduation requirements?



Admission Requirements

- 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.
- fulfill the "English Language Requirement for Admission" prescribed by the Graduate School before they are admitted. Please refer to Graduate School website at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/requirements>

Documents required for application

- Online Application Form (https://www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/OnlineApp/login_email.aspx)
- Official transcripts and grading schemes of all tertiary level studies attended by applicants
- Copies of degree certificates;
- Documents showing the applicant has fulfilled the Graduate School's English Language Proficiency Requirement;
- Reference letter from TWO referees
- Photocopy of Hong Kong Identity Card or other identity document;
- Copies of JLPT Certificates, if available, and
- **One A4 page "Personal Statement / Reason for Application" written in English or Japanese in PDF format.**
- **For bachelor degree obtained in Chinese Mainland:**
 - Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表)
 - 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 their degree certificate and graduation certificate;

Graduation

- **Students are required:**
 - **to complete and pass 24 units of courses offered by this Programme with at least 3 units selected from the core course list**
 - **to achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0**
 - ***If a student fails a course, he/she must enroll in an additional 3-unit course and receive a passing grade in order to complete the degree. A supplementary course fee is applied***

Duration of Study & Tuition fee

Study Mode	Full-time	Part-time
Normative Study Period	1 year	2 years
Maximum Study Period	3 years	4 years
Tuition Fee (Subject to University's Approval)	HK\$ 180,000 per annum	HK\$ 90,000 per annum

- Students are expected to complete the Programme within normative study period
- Any course/s taken beyond this period will be charged on a per course basis

持續進修基金 Continuing Education Fund (CEF)

- The Programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund
- CEF reimbursable courses commenced on or after 1 August 2022:**
 - The maximum entitlement for new applicants is HK\$25,000
 - For applicants who have opened CEF accounts before 1 August 2022, they are eligible for claiming the additional HK\$5,000 subsidy and the unused balance (if any) of the original subsidy HK\$20,000
- Eligibility rules**
 - Hong Kong residents who have the right of abode or the right to land or to remain in Hong Kong without restriction
 - Complete 24 units (3 units/course); at least 3 units from core course
 - Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
 - Attain an overall passing mark of at least 50%
 - Face-to-face attendance of at least 70% of all classes of EACH course enrolled throughout your study with the programme

(*For eligibility and reimbursement procedure of CEF, please refer to <https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef>)



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Final Round: 31 March 2026

**Subject to availability, applications after deadline may also be considered.*



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Thank You