

M.Phil-Ph.D Programme in Japanese Studies

Course List

Course code	Course Title/description	Units ⁽²⁾
JASP5001 (Required)	<u>Theory Research Methods</u> This core course is designed to prepare students to conduct postgraduate research in Japanese studies. It introduces key conceptual and methodological approaches from different disciplines. Students are encouraged to critically evaluate various approaches and consider how they may be integrated for their particular research projects. The course teaches the analytical skills and methodological tools that will allow students to develop and execute a research project. These skills include research design, data collection, analysis and developing writing strategies.	3
JASP5010	<u>Special Topics in Japanese Popular Culture</u> This course introduces existing literature, approaches, sources and issues in the study of Japanese popular culture in Japan, Asia and the world. Issues in cultural globalization, hybridity, cultural colonialism, orientalism, postmodernism, Japanization, Asianization and localization will be discussed. Ethnographical survey and fieldwork-based projects are also used as parts of the methodological training. Specific topics such as sushi, video games or television dramas are chosen for in-depth investigation according to the academic interest of students.	3
JASP5011	<u>Special Topics in Japanese Popular Culture in Asia</u> This course investigates the popularization, Japanization and localization of Japanese popular culture in Asia in the context of cultural globalization. Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, three centers of Japanese popular culture boom in Asia, are chosen as subjects for close investigation. Ethnographical survey and fieldwork-based projects are also used as parts of the methodological training.	3
JASP5020	<u>Special Topics in Sino-Japanese Relations</u> This study introduces basic primary sources and secondary references about Sino-Japanese relations from past to present. Japanese, Chinese and English sources are used. Some knowledge of reading Japanese and Chinese is required. Students are trained to make use of primary and secondary materials for research in this area. Students will do a project or research paper on a selective topic in Sino-Japanese relations (including Japan-Hong Kong and Japan-Taiwan).	3

JASP5021	<u>Special Topics in Japan-Hong Kong Relations</u> This is a multi-disciplinary course that aims to promote scholarship on the developing research areas in Japan-Hong Kong relations. Basic sources and literature in Japanese, English and Chinese are assigned for reading and fieldwork-based projects are conducted as practical training in writing and methodology. Students should have at least intermediate reading ability in Japanese.	3
JASP5030	<u>Special Topics in the Anthropology of Japan</u> This course explores methods and approaches used by anthropologists in studying Japan. The course provides students with an anthropological framework for research on Japan. It introduces village studies, urban studies, and recent studies of popular culture, gender and mass society. The course will also introduce theoretical approaches and concepts used by anthropologists studying Japan. Students will be encouraged to focus on a particular aspect of Japanese society using selected anthropological approaches.	3
JASP5031	<u>Special Topics in Gender Studies of Japan</u> This course introduces approaches to studies of gender in Japan. The focus will be primarily on sociological and anthropological studies of gender. The course takes a historical perspective, encouraging students to consider how and why ideological constructions of gender have changed over time in specific social, political and economic contexts. It considers the relationship between social ideals, institutional structures and everyday experiences of gender. The course also examines current gender relations and roles in a variety of arenas of life such as families, corporations, communities, political groups, schools and in the mass media.	3
JASP5040	<u>The Japanese Political Economy</u> This course is designed to provide fundamental knowledge for understanding various aspects of the economy, politics and business practices in contemporary Japan. It analyses key aspects of the Japanese political economy employing contending paradigms in the field of international and comparative political economy. By taking this course students will become familiar with major paradigmatic approaches in the study of Japan and will acquire a critical framework for independently assessing new information and data on contemporary Japanese economics, politics, and business.	3

JASP5041	<p><u>Special Topics in the Japanese Political Economy</u></p> <p>This course investigates major debates as related to the Japanese political economy in the global age. It is designed to enhance a theoretical and empirical understanding of the Japanese political economy and business at advanced level. It incorporates the necessary tools for a critical analysis of the existing political-economic system by familiarizing students with advanced theories, research design and methodology. By taking this course, students will gain an in-depth knowledge of Japanese politics, economics and business utilizing appropriate approaches and analytical tools.</p>	3
JASP5050	<p><u>Special Topics in Language Acquisition in Japanese</u></p> <p>This course introduces a survey of the qualitative and quantitative research literature on the acquisition of first language acquisition among Japanese children and second language among the Japanese adult learners. Research carried out in both experimental and natural settings will be examined in light of modern linguistic theory.</p>	3
JASP5051	<p><u>Special Topics in Cross Linguistic Research</u></p> <p>Selected linguistic differences between Japanese and other languages including English will be introduced in this course. Cross-linguistic variation in phonology, syntax and semantics will be analyzed to compare languages from the perspective of Language Typology and Universal Grammar.</p>	3
JASP5052	<p><u>Special Topics in Linguistic Research and Japanese Language Teaching</u></p> <p>This course examines different issues in linguistic research that is particularly applicable to foreign language teaching and learning. Focus is put on the interface of theoretical analysis and their implications for Japanese language teaching and learning as a foreign language.</p>	3
JASP5060	<p><u>Special Topics in Japanese Studies (multiple taking allowed)</u></p> <p>This course will focus on specific topics in Japanese studies that are not covered in the regular offering. These topics will reflect academic needs/interests and faculty expertise.</p>	3
JASP5070	<p><u>Special Research Topics in Japanese Studies (multiple taking allowed)</u></p> <p>This course will focus on specific research topics in Japanese studies that are not covered in the regular course offering. These topics will reflect students' academic needs/interests and faculty expertise.</p>	3

JASP5811	<p><u>Japan-China Intellectual and Cultural Exchange in the Early Modern Period</u></p> <p>This course is designed to examine the introduction and localization of Chinese culture in Tokugawa Japan (1603-1868) through reading of primary sources and important academic writings in English, Japanese and Chinese. Issues such as the redefinition and appropriation of Confucian concepts, the interaction between Chinese learning and nativist learning, Chinese legends in Tokugawa Japan and the uses of Chinese terminology in Tokugawa historiography will be investigated through close reading of Tokugawa texts and small-group discussion.</p>	3
JASP5812	<p><u>Globalization and Localization of Japanese Popular Culture in Greater China</u></p> <p>This course discusses the global popularization and local consumption of Japanese popular culture in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan through the lens of cultural globalization. Issues of national identity, hybridity, glocalization, cultural discount and transnational cultural flows will be theoretically and empirically examined. Important academic writings in English and Japanese as well as fieldwork-based research project will be assigned.</p>	3
JASP5813	<p><u>Japanese Culture and Society in Regional and Global Perspective</u></p> <p>This course examines the development of research and theory that approach Japanese society and culture from regional and global perspectives. The course considers changes in Japanese society and culture in relation to the regional and global context. It explores the commonalities and differences between the experiences of industrialization, urbanization, and globalization in Japan and other regions and areas, in particular China and Hong Kong. It also investigates how theoretical and methodological approaches have changed over time in examining Japanese society and culture due to improvements in comparative research approaches.</p>	3
JASP5814	<p><u>Women and Gender in Japan and China</u></p> <p>This course examines the development of theory and methodology in gender studies in Japan and Chinese societies. The course explores changes in gender roles and statuses in family and society in the transition from agrarian-based to capitalist societies. It explores the commonalities and differences between the experiences of industrialization and urbanization in Japanese and Chinese societies. It also covers how theoretical and methodological approaches have changed over time in examining gender in East Asia.</p>	3

JASP8003	<u>Thesis Research</u> In this course, student is required to meet with his/her supervisor who provides necessary guidance and supervision to write up a thesis and monitors the student's academic progress.	3
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