**JAPANESE**

**Overview and Contact Information**

The Japanese program offers three levels of instruction. Students will build their language skills and cultural knowledge with various activities such as visiting Wa-Shin-An (the Japanese tea room at Mount Holyoke), reading short stories, writing blogs, and interviewing students from Japan. Students who study Japanese may choose to complete the minor in Japanese listed here or the major in East Asian Studies for which language study is a principal component.

**See Also**

- East Asian Studies (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/east-asian-studies/)
- Asian Studies (http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/asian-studies/)

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Naoko Nemoto, Professor of Asian Studies  
Joshua Roth, Professor of Anthropology  
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Shaimaa Moustafa, Five College Lecturer in Arabic  
Chan Young Park, Five College Lecturer in Korean  
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**Requirements for the Minor**

At least 16 credits:

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**Additional Specifications**

- Independent Studies (ASIAN-295 or ASIAN-395) do not count toward the minor.
- Language courses that are not taken at Mount Holyoke must be approved by the head of the Japanese program at Mount Holyoke College to count toward the minor.
- Courses taught in English do not count toward the minor.

**Course Offerings**

**ASIAN-222 Second Year Japanese I**  
*Fall.* Credits: 6  
This course emphasizes speaking, listening, reading, and writing modern Japanese. Includes approximately 250 kanji. Supplements class work with audio and video.  
*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language*  
J. Chang  
*Prereq: ASIAN-121 or equivalent. Coreq: ASIAN-222L.  
Advisory: Asian Studies 121 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.*

**ASIAN-223 Second Year Japanese II**  
*Spring.* Credits: 6  
This course continues Asian Studies 222, Second Year Japanese I. Emphasizes speaking, listening, reading, and writing modern Japanese. Includes approximately 350 kanji. Supplements class work with audio and video.  
*Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language*  
J. Chang  
*Prereq: ASIAN-222 or equivalent. Coreq: ASIAN-223L.  
Advisory: Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.*
ASIAN-324 Third Year Japanese I
Fall. Credits: 4
This course helps students attain a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
N. Nemoto
Prereq: ASIAN-223 or equivalent.
Advisory: Asian Studies 223 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.

ASIAN-326 Third Year Japanese II
Spring. Credits: 4
This course continues Asian Studies 324, Third Year Japanese I. Emphasizes attaining a higher level of proficiency in modern Japanese through the extended use of the language in practical contexts. The class will be conducted mostly in Japanese.
Applies to requirement(s): Humanities; Language
N. Nemoto
Prereq: ASIAN-324 or equivalent.
Advisory: Asian Studies 324 or equivalent. Students with previous training in Japanese outside of MHC should consult Naoko Nemoto (nnemoto@mtholyoke.edu) for placement.