

## **ABOUT JAPANESE OPTION**

LIBERAL ARTS JAPANESE OPTION (AA degree) offers an opportunity to learn the Japanese language and other related subjects such as Japanese Literature, Asian Art, East Asian History, Religions and Social Psychology in Asia and to acquire an associate's degree in Japanese. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for transfer to Baccalaureate (4-year) programs in East Asian Studies and/or Japan Studies. Upon graduation, the LA SSH Japanese Option at LaGuardia Community College can transfer to the East Asian Studies Major (Japanese Track) at Queens College and continue to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Japanese. Some of our graduates apply for transfer to prestigious colleges and universities in East Asian Studies including Columbia University, NYU, and Temple University Japan Campus.

The goal of the Japanese Option is to develop students' interests and prior knowledge in Japan for professional careers. We will deal with Japanese language/culture as a serious academic subject (beyond casual interest in Japanese pop culture and anime). Those who are interested in the Japanese Option should try reading some of the following reference books to identify if this program fits your interests and future career plan.

- Japanese Language / Linguistics: Tsujimura, N. (2014). An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics. Cambridge, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell. (ISBN: 9781444337730)
- Japanese Pop Culture (anime, manga, J-pop etc): Lamarre, T. (2009). The Anime

Machine: A Media Theory of Animation. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. (ISBN: 9780816651559)

- History of Japan: Mason, R. H. P. & Caiger, J. G. (1997). A History of Japan. Tokyo, Japan: Tuttle Publishing. (ISBN: 9780804820974)
- Economics/Business in Japan: Liker, J. and Convis, G. (2011). The Toyota Way to Lean Leadership: Achieving and Sustaining Excellence through Leadership, New York, NY: McGraw-Hill (ISBN: 9780071780797)
- Sociology of Japan: Sugimoto, Y. (2003).
   An Introduction to Japanese Society. Cambridge, Mass.: Cambridge University Press.

Find More InformationYou can find more information about the Japanese Option at the following places:

- f Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ LaGCCJapanOption
- Twitter: http://twitter.com/ JapaneseLaGCC
- Reddit: https://www.reddit.com/ r/lagJapaneseOption/
- G Google Groups: https://groups.google.com/g/ japanese\_major\_laqcc
- Blog: https://chrysanthemum .commons.gc.cuny.edu
- Discord: https://discord.gg/breXYw7ScD

Visit ELA Department (B-234) for

general inquiries. A few academic advisors are designated to the Japaense Option students. See the advisement website at https://www.laguardia.edu/Academics/Majors/Japanese/.

# Why you should choose Japaense Option

One of the major requirements of the Japanese Option is two years of the Japanese language (from ELJ101 though ELJ104) and obtain a minimum of B grade in each class. In other words, you will be studying the Japanese language throughout your academic progress at LaGuardia. Language learning, especially the one involves a typologically distant language from your native language, requires assiduous effort, rigid self-discipline, and serious time commitment. You should keep it in mind when you change your major to the Japanese Option.

Once you have completed your requirements at LaGuardia, you will be able to feel confident in communicating in Japanese in most of social settings and will have a much deeper understanding about Japanese culture, the history of Japan, Japanese society, Japanese business ethics and business styles, religions in Japan, ethnography of the Japanese people, and Japanese art.

#### ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The academic curriculum is subject to change every academic year. Please refer to the College Catalog for the latest curriculum for the Japanese Option. The sample curricu-



lum with the suggested course sequence is listed below.

### How to change your major

Students can change their majors at the Registrar's Office (C-107) within the first three or four weeks of the semester. If you apply for a new major after the change of major deadline. the change will be effective only in the following semester. It is highly recommended to meet with the program director (see below) before submitting your Change of Major Form.

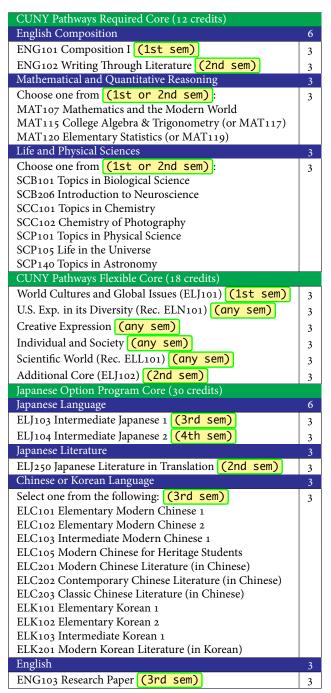
#### CONTACT

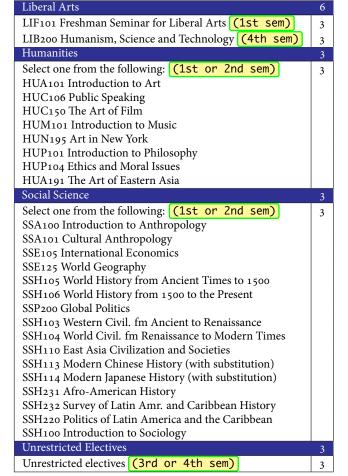
The program director of the Japanese Option (Japan Studies) is Prof. Tomonori Nagano. He is usually available in office during the day and can be reached by e-mail



and Discord (Nagano-sensei#9320). Feel free to contact Prof. Nagano if you have questions about the Japanese Option or the Japan Studies Program.

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- CUNY Pathways Flexible Core consists of six three-credit courses. At least one course form each of the five areas and no more than two courses in any discipline.
- (2) Students without any previous instruction in Japanese should take Elementary Japanese 1 (ELJ101) and Elementary Japanese 2 (ELJ102) as part of Flexible Core for the LA Japanese Option.
- (3) One Flexible Core course must be Urban Study (such as ELN101)
- (4) One Chinese or Korean language course depending on the placement score. Students taking ELC 101 and ELK 101 as electives in the Japanese option will receive credit for those courses without taking ELC102 or ELK102.
- (5) Students who wish to transfer to Queens College are advised to take HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia, which will count toward the EAS major at QC (=Art History 114: Survey of Asian Art)
- (6) Students who wish to transfer to Queens College are advised to take SSH110 East Asia Civilization and Society, which will count toward the EAS major at QC (=History 112: Introduction to East Asian History)