



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**B.A. in Japanese**

***Students graduating with a B.A. in Japanese should be able to:***

- Speak and comprehend colloquial Japanese at a level that enables participation in discussions on everyday topics.
- Have acquired enough of a grasp of written Japanese (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) to begin reading texts intended for native readers—newspapers, fiction, academic prose, etc.—and to communicate in writing in basic everyday situations.
- Demonstrate broad knowledge of the major historical, cultural, political, and social aspects of Japanese society, as well as its interrelations within the broader East Asian context, and be able to engage in debates on these topics.
- Analyze and interpret creative and academic texts relating to Japanese and East Asian Studies more broadly in light of appropriate historical and cultural contexts.
- Write well-researched, cogent, persuasive essays on topics relating to Japan and East Asia more broadly.