



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**B.A. in Japanese**

***Students graduating with a high-proficiency track B.A. in Japanese should be able to:***

- Speak and comprehend colloquial Japanese at a level that enables participation in discussions on both everyday and academic topics.
- Have acquired enough of a grasp of written Japanese to read texts intended for native readers—newspapers, fiction, academic prose, etc.—and to communicate in writing in basic everyday situations.
- Have acquired enough of a grasp of the fundamentals of classical Japanese to be able to begin reading premodern text with the aid of a dictionary.
- 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.