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# ANU Japanese Language Program



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## Why study Japanese ?

Home to 125 million people, Japan is a country where the modern and traditional coexist in everyday life. Its natural beauty, rich culture and cuisine draw millions of visitors every year. It is a thriving commercial and financial hub of East Asia with close political, economic and cultural ties to Australia. The ANU Japanese program is unique in Australia for its range of coursework, unparalleled opportunities for in-country study, and partnerships with The University of Tokyo and Kyoto University, to name a few.

“I really admire the sentiment behind 'itadakimasu' ('I humbly receive') and loved learning about [...] Japanese culture.”

— PEYTON CASSAR, BACHELOR OF ARTS



## Studying Japanese at ANU

Students can choose enrolment patterns that best suit their individual needs and goals. For intermediate or advanced level students, including those with extensive Japanese background, we offer advanced level classes that use real-world materials to explore Japanese history, literature, current affairs, and Japanese society. ANU is one of the only institutions in Australia that offers classes at the super-advanced level, catering for students at or near JLPT N1 and preparing them to move seamlessly into professional work and postgraduate study.

At ANU, Japanese study is not limited to the classroom. The ANU Japan Club is a hub for all students interested in Japan and the ANU Kabuki troupe, Za Kabuki, is the world's longest running Kabuki troupe outside of Japan, offering students a rare opportunity to participate in this rich traditional art. Extra-curricular reading and conversation groups allow students to pursue their studies in even greater depth and the Yukari-no-ma (tatami room) in the Coombs building is an ideal place to chat, work with a study group or take a much-needed nap.

- ANU students: Elective, minor (24 units / 4 courses), or major (48 units / 8 courses) as part of an ANU degree.
- Non-award: Enrol in individual courses for professional development or personal interest.
- Open Universities Australia (OUA): Enrol in individual courses for professional development or personal interest without pursuing a full degree. From 2026, *JPNS 3102 Debating Japan: Contemporary Intellectual Debates* will be available via OUA.
- In-country: Short-term intensive language courses in Japan.
- Wide range of course offerings: Japanese 1-6, Japanese-English Translation, Teaching Japanese, and courses in literature, linguistics, politics, policy, society, and culture.

Students with prior language experience must take a Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) for proper level placement. For details, see the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) language proficiency assessment site.

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