

## Faculty

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## Co-Curricular Activities

Japanese Club  
Japanese Table  
Worship Services  
JET Program  
Exchange Program  
May Term in Japan  
Asian Awareness Week

## Why Study Japanese?

1- **Japan has the 2nd largest economy in the world.** The leading Japanese companies are among the largest, most efficiently run, and most well-known firms in the world. Familiar names like Sony, Toshiba, Sanyo, Casio, Canon, Minolta, Honda, Toyota, Mitsubishi, and many others have infiltrated the world market in a variety of sectors.

2- **Knowing Japanese brings business opportunities.** Being able to communicate with potential customers in their own language is key to winning their business. In addition, when you learn Japanese, you become not only proficient in the language but also gain an insider view of the culture. Understanding the Japanese work ethic, their business etiquette, and knowing which cultural faux pas to avoid can often make or break an important business deal.

3- **Japanese is the gateway to other Asian languages and cultures.** Throughout its history, Japan has been shaped by the influence of Asia's great civilizations: India, China, and Korea. While the cultures of these Asian countries do differ, Asian cultures together share many similarities that differentiate them from Western ways and norms. So a study of Japanese can open your perspective on the values that other Asian nations share with Japan, including religious beliefs, ethics, and aesthetics.

4- **Japanese-speakers are the Internet's 3rd largest language group.** The Japanese make up the third largest language community on the Internet, after only English and Chinese speakers.

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## HOPE COLLEGE JAPANESE PROGRAM



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### Study Abroad Programs

Students may study abroad in Tokyo (Waseda University and Kanda University), Nagoya, Yokohama and Saitama (Seigakuin University).

For more information contact <http://www.hope.edu/admin/international/contact.htm>



### Japanese Studies Composite Major

Students may also pursue a Japanese Studies Composite Major by combining courses taken at Hope with a variety of off-campus study opportunities. Such a major would be an integrated program of language and culture leading to fluency in the language, a high level of understanding and experience in Japanese culture, as well as a specialized field of study of the student's own choosing. This major will permit the student to prepare for a variety forms of employment in which knowledge of Japanese and familiarity with Asian culture may be required. The Japanese Composite Major consists of a minimum of 36 credits of work divided between Japanese language study (a minimum of 28 credits) and courses from the Departments of History, Philosophy, Political Science, Economics, Art, Music, Religion (a minimum of 8 credits), and May Term in Japan program which are currently taught on a regular basis or are scheduled to be taught regularly in the immediate future.

### Academic Minor in Japanese

A Japanese minor consists of a minimum of 24 credits taken at the college level and approved by the chairperson. Of these, 8 must be in courses numbered 295 or higher and up to 4 may be taken in a department other than Modern and Classical Languages, e.g., History, Philosophy, Political Science, Economics, Religion, Art, Music or other disciplines. A typical pattern of courses might be: Japanese 101, 102, 201, 202, 301; IDS 295 May Term in Japan program). Majors and minors are strongly encouraged to complement their Japanese major/minor with courses from other departments.

Among recommended courses are ART 391, POL 303, REL 280, HIST 295, ECON 318, and special courses taught by the Meiji Gakuin exchange professor.