

JAPD01, Japanese: Beginners Course A, 15 credits

Japanska: Nybörjarkurs A, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2025-09-08 (U 2026/660). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-09 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

General information

The course is offered as a freestanding course and can normally be included in a general qualification for first or second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

The language of instruction is primarily Japanese and Swedish and to a lesser degree English.

*Main field of
study*

Specialisation

Japanese

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

To pass the course, the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- describe elementary Japanese grammar and some basic concepts of Japanese linguistics
- describe the three writing systems including the systematic organisation of the kanji characters.

Competence and skills

- master the two different writing systems, hiragana and katakana, and some basic kanji characters
- master basic practical language skills in pronunciation, simple conversation and listening comprehension.

Judgement and approach

- reflect on cultural differences and similarities as manifested in source and target languages

Course content

The course mainly deals with practical language skills in Japanese, i.e. grammatical structure, vocabulary, listening comprehension, reading of simple texts, and oral and written presentations. The hiragana and katakana writing systems are covered, as well as some basic kanji characters. There are also lectures on basic theoretical Japanese grammar.

Course design

The course consists of lectures and group exercises.

Assessment

Assessment of the course is based on a written invigilated exam and an oral examination.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass

Entry requirements

General requirements

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course content overlaps with parts of JAPC11 (Japanese: Beginners Course).
- The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see the current registration and information material.