

JAPD02, Japanese: Beginners' Course B, 15 credits

Japanska: Nybörjarkurs B, 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 2025-11-14 (U 2025/863). The syllabus comes into effect 2026-03-01 and is valid from the autumn 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, English and Japanese

| Main field of study | Specialisation |
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| Japanese | G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- define elementary linguistic terms and concepts and provide a general account of the structure of Japanese
- identify and account for different basic stylistic aspects of Japanese
- account for the basic linguistic background of Japanese

Competence and skills

- engage in a conversation in elementary Japanese and respond in spoken and written Japanese to everyday questions on selected themes

- master the two different writing systems hiragana and katakana as well as the basic kanji characters (150 characters and 7 radicals),
- read and translate selected simple texts in Japanese,
- write simple texts such as diary entries, letters and advertisements in Japanese,
- perform a basic grammatical analysis of Japanese sentences

Judgement and approach

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

Course content

The course mainly deals with basic language skills in Japanese, i.e. grammatical structure, vocabulary, reading of simple texts and listening comprehension, and oral and written presentations. The course also includes an overview of linguistics.

The course consists of the following modules

1. Sentence Patterns 2, 4.5 credits
2. Reading and Writing Skills 2, 4.5 credits
3. Grammar 2, 3 credits
4. Conversation 2, 3 credits

Course design

Teaching is delivered through lectures and group exercises.

Assessment

The assessment of modules 1 and 2 is based on invigilated written exams and on 5-7 written assignments per module.

Module 3 is assessed through an invigilated exam.

The assessment of module 4 is based on an oral exam and 1-2 oral presentations.

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, Pass with distinction

For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded the grade of Pass or higher for all modules. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must also have been awarded this grade on at least three of modules 1-4.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and Japanese language: Beginner's course A, 15hp (JAPD01), or equivalent knowledge.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course has overlapping content with the latter half of JAPC11.
- 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.
- The module titles in Swedish:
 1. Satsmönster 2
 2. Läs- och skrivfärdighet 2
 3. Grammatik 2
 4. Konversation 2