

JAPS02, Japanese: Linguistics Seminar, 7.5 credits

Japanska: Det språkvetenskapliga seminariet, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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 2026-05-18 (U 2025/789). The syllabus comes into effect 2026-06-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

General information

The course is a compulsory component of the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics specialising in Japanese. It is also offered as a freestanding course and can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of study

Language and Linguistics with specialization in Japanese

Specialisation

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to account for issues in Japanese linguistics, either in English or in Japanese,
- be able to account for the background, research questions and relevant research methods in one of the research topics within Japanese linguistics, either in English or in Japanese,

Competence and skills

- be able to summarise in speech and writing, either in English or in Japanese, the main points of linguistic texts written in English,

- be able to critically analyze the content of assigned readings,
- be able to write academic texts either in English or in Japanese with appropriate vocabulary,
- be able to, with a help of instructor, choose a research topic and find resources in order to deepen the understanding of the topic,
- be able to, with a help of instructor, come up with a research question that has not been addressed and account for appropriate research methods for the research question,

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically assess and judge scholarly assertions and research methodology within Japanese linguistics,
- be able to reflect on their own progress regarding academic writing.

Course content

In this course, students attend weekly research seminars on Japanese linguistics and East-Asian linguistics to familiarise themselves with various research topics and methodology in Japanese and East-Asian linguistics. In these seminars, students will either discuss a scholarly text on Japanese linguistics, or listen to a lecture on East-Asian languages and linguistics. Alongside the research seminars, students work on an independent project. With the help of course instructor, students will choose a topic within Japanese linguistics, read relevant literature, and discuss, in a short essay, a research question that has not yet addressed in the literature, together with appropriate research methods for the research question.

Course design

This course consists of approximately 10 seminars and independent reading and writing activities. Attendance to the seminars are obligatory unless there are specific reasons.

If, due to circumstances beyond their control, such as accidents, sudden illness or similar, students are unable to carry out a compulsory component, the University is responsible for ensuring that an equivalent alternative or another time for the component is offered. This also applies to students participating in activities in an elected position as a student representative.

Assessment

The assessment is based on one written assignment.

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

Entry requirements

90 credits in Japanese comprising of sequential courses (excluding beginner-level courses) or 60 credits in Linguistics (General Linguistics or Phonetics) comprising of sequential courses, and English B6/English Level B2.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course overlaps with parts of JAPM14.
- 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 information and other relevant documentation.