



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

JP2101 Japanese, Cultural and literary studies, 7.5 credits

Japanska, Kultur- och litteraturstudier, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by The Faculty of Arts on 2011-01-14 and was last revised on 2023-09-26 by Department of Languages and Literatures to be valid from 2024-09-02, autumn semester of 2024.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Languages and Literatures

Position in the educational system

The course is a second cycle course and is given as a freestanding course. A completed course is part of a master's degree with Japanese as the main subject and is required for a four-year postgraduate studies programme in Japanese with a literary and cultural specialisation. The course may not be included as a module in JP2100, master's course in Japanese (30 credits).

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in Language and Intercultural Communication (H2SIK)

Main field of studies

Japanese

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

The requirement for admission to the course is that the following courses have been completed: JP1510, Japanese, Advanced course (15 credits) and JP1520, Japanese, Independent project for a Bachelor's degree (15 credits), or that the equivalent knowledge has been obtained. An additional requirement is English 6 from the Swedish upper-secondary school or the equivalent level from an internationally acknowledged test.

Learning outcomes

The course is included in a master's degree with Japanese as the main subject and acts as support to the degree project with a literary or cultural specialisation included in the master's course in Japanese (JP2100). The aim of the course is to give the students a basic theoretical understanding and knowledge about the research situation in Japanese literary and cultural studies.

On completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- search and specialise in theory and method in the current subject;
- orientate himself/herself in the subject and get an overview of the research situation;

Competence and skills

- independently search relevant source material;
- demonstrate an ability to understand scholarly texts in Japanese;
- in seminars, use academic discourse, and discuss and argue at a scholarly level;

Judgement and approach

- relate critically to source material, research results and his/her own learning process.

Course content

Apart from scholarly texts in Japanese, research results in other languages, primarily English, may also be included as course material.

The course covers selected research results and theories concerning Japanese literature and culture and gives an insight into current questions in Japanese literary and cultural studies including social sciences and education studies. The course highlights research specialisations concerning modern Japan from the 19th century down to the present day, including popular culture. When necessary, earlier epochs may also be covered. The students' ability to read scholarly texts independently and critically in Japanese and English is practiced both in the form of intensive and extensive reading.

Form of teaching

Language of instruction: English and Japanese

Assessment

To what extent the student has achieved the aim of the course is tested through written and oral exams.

A student who has failed a course item is eligible for a retake exam/assignment. In connection with written assignments, supplementary assignments may be offered in order for the student to achieve a Pass grade. Such a supplementary assignment should be done within the stipulated time (normally five working days after the result has been posted). Otherwise a Fail grade will be reported.

A student who has completed an exam/assignment with a passing grade is not eligible for a retake for the purpose of receiving a higher grade. Nor may a student withdraw a test/assignment once it has been submitted for the purpose of avoiding receiving a grade for the work.

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If the University of Gothenburg has decided that a student is eligible for special study support, the examiner may, provided it is compatible with the aim of the course and it can be done within the scope of available resources, decide to offer the student an adjusted examination or a different examination format.

If the course has been discontinued or substantially revised, a student should be guaranteed to sit the examination on at least three occasions (including the ordinary examination occasion) during a period of at least one year, but not later than two years after the course was discontinued or revised. The same applies to internships and professional placements (VFU), although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Course evaluation

The students are given the opportunity to make a written evaluation of the course. The results of the evaluation are published digitally.

Additional information

The course is a complementary course to a master's course in Japanese (JP2100) and may not be included as a module in this course.

Equality aspects should be taken into consideration in content, literature, teaching and evaluation.