



Language & Communication

Japanese

3

Semesters

TO CERTIFICATE

10th

MOST POPULAR LANGUAGE

In California

19%

JOB GROWTH FOR

Translators

126M

POPULATION OF

Japan

Program Overview

Studying Japanese promotes understanding of the world's 11th largest country and fourth largest economy. The Japanese program prepares students to interact appropriately with Japanese-speaking people through coursework that includes oral and written language study and readings related to Japanese culture. Graduates communicate at an intermediate-high level as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and have the foundation for further study in languages, linguistics, and global affairs.

Job Outlook

Graduates can apply their Japanese language skills in a variety of job roles, from tourism to business and academia. Thanks to the West Coast's popularity among Japanese visitors[2], the hospitality industry offers a number of local opportunities. More broadly, business demand is strong for Japanese translators, interpreters, and localization managers. Graduates may also pursue fields that value multilingualism and multiculturalism, from non-profits to government foreign relations.

CAREERS

Concierges

\$26,090 - \$52,920

Speech & Language Tutors

\$31,120 - \$65,450

*Interpreters/Translators

\$34,150 - \$95,850

*Hotel Managers

\$35,440 - \$128,400

*Foreign Service Officers

\$82,360 - \$109,206

*Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(CA data) and Salary.com

spotlight

related degree programs

CSU Monterey Bay offers a major and two minors in Japanese, as well as study abroad opportunities at more than a dozen universities in Japan.



Japanese

Suggested Course Sequence

Certificate of Achievement

MPC Certificate

YEAR	FALL		SPRING	
		Units		Units
	1	JPNS 1A	5	JPNS 1B
	Total Fall Units	5	Total Spring Units	5

YEAR	FALL		SPRING	
		Units		Units
	2	JPNS 2A	5	
	Total Fall Units	5	Total Spring Units	0

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



Studying Japanese at MPC changed my entire career path. I found myself intellectually challenged in a way that I had never been. I wanted to learn more and more. The teachers supported my educational desires. After transferring to CSUMB, I moved to Japan and am currently pursuing another degree in a Japanese university while working as an English teacher.

Kyle Dalton Lipscombe

MPC Graduate

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is a fully accredited California public community college. The college is known for the excellence of its academic programs and student support services.

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