

# Japanese Language and Culture Transfer Pathway 2026-2027

This pathway assumes completion of 60 units including Japanese language through JAPN 201 (Intermediate 1) proficiency or higher, and completion of all lower-division CSU General Education and American Institutions requirements.

**NOTE:** The Japanese Language and Culture B.A. requires a cultural immersion experience, which most students complete by studying abroad in Japan (though other options such as a community project are available).

Transfer students must meet with the Japanese advisor in the Center for Advising, Career and Student Success, and with a Japanese faculty advisor during their first semester at CSUMB to begin exploring opportunities and options.

The pathway shown below will be revised depending upon your study abroad plans. Transfer students who want to graduate within four semesters of transferring to CSUMB should plan to study abroad their second semester at CSUMB (Spring semester in Japan is typically April through late July or April through early August). Summer programs are also available at some Japanese Universities.

Fall Junior Courses (16 units total)	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
<b>WLC 300</b> (fall only)	WLC Major ProSeminar	2	Major
<b>JAPN 300</b>	Introduction to Adv Communication	4	Major
<b>JAPN 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 380, 401, 402</b>	Japanese Language and Linguistics #1	4	Lang/Ling #1
<b>JAPN 311</b> (fall only)	Social Issues in Japan	3	GWAR, UD4, Major
<b>JAPN 305,306,308,309,310, or 314</b>	1st Japanese Culture with UD3	3	UD3, Major, Japn Culture #1
Spring Junior Courses (16 units total)	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
<b>JAPN 420</b> (Spring only)	Maximizing Study Abroad Experiences	2	Major
<b>JAPN 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 380, 401, 402</b>	Japanese Language and Linguistics #2	4	Lang/Ling #2
<b>JAPN 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 380, 401, 402</b>	Japanese Language and Linguistics #3	4	Lang/Ling #3
<b>JAPN 211, 212 ,213, 215, 305, 306, 307,308,309,310,314,317, 407</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Japanese culture course	3	Japn Culture #2
<b>Free elective</b>	Elective	3	Units for graduation
Fall Senior Courses (15 units total)	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
<b>JAPN 403</b> (fall only)	Pre-Capstone	2	Major
<b>JAPN 320S</b> (fall only)	Japanese & Global Community	4	UDSL, Major
<b>JAPN 410</b> (Fall only)	Quakes and Nukes: (Un)Natural Japanese Environments	3	UD5, Major
<b>JAPN 211, 212 ,213, 215, 305, 306, 307,308,309,310,314,317, 407</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Japanese culture course	3	Japn Culture #3
<b>US History if not previously completed</b>	CSU US1 (US History) course	3	US1
Spring Senior Courses (13 units total)	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
<b>WLC 400</b> (spring only)	WLC Major Capstone	4	Major
<b>JAPN 404</b> (spring only)	Adv Japanese Presentational Communic	2	Major
<b>JAPN 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 380, 401, 402</b>	Japanese Language and Linguistics #4	3	Lang/Ling #4
<b>US/CA government if not done, or elective</b>	CSU American Institutions (US2,3) if not done, or free electives	4	US2,3 or Elective
<b>Japanese Lang &amp; Culture Transfer</b>		<b>60</b>	

The Japanese Language and Cultures major requires a cultural immersion experience, including JAPN 420 and one of the following options:

*Option 1:* Study Abroad (for a summer, a semester, or a full year)

*Option 2:* Community Project. Contact the Department Chair for details.