

Registration

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If you are currently enrolled or have attended Mason in Summer 2008 or afterward:

1. Clear any holds on your record before attempting to register.
2. Register for summer classes via PatriotWeb (patriotweb.gmu.edu) between March 20 and March 29 (early summer registration).

If you are a new nondegree student (high school, guest matriculant, undergraduate, or graduate):

1. Apply online at admissions.gmu.edu/ApplyNow to save time and money. You may also obtain a hard copy of the application on the Admissions web site.
2. Click "Apply Online Now." Once on the new page, click "First time user account creation" to create a Login ID and PIN.
3. Your application type will be "Non-Degree." Complete the application as directed.
4. The Admissions Office will need your official transcripts from your current school. Registration begins March 31 via PatriotWeb.

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TASTES OF JAPAN

**Intensive Japanese Language
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June 15–August 7, 2009

Class meets four hours a day (9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) on Monday through Thursday, with weekend excursions for cultural exploration assignments.

Program Description

9 credits, no prerequisites for JAPA 110; however, ability to read and write the basic Japanese characters (hiragana and katakana) is highly recommended. For JAPA 210, JAPA 110 is the prerequisite.

This program is designed for students with no prior knowledge of Japanese. JAPA110 covers the textbook, *NAKAMA 1a and JAPA210 covers chapters seven through nine of NAKAMA1b*. The program focuses on developing and consolidating the basic skills in language (i.e., speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and culture that are necessary to communicate with native Japanese speakers. It includes practice in reading and writing the Japanese characters (*hiragana, katakana, and kanji*) and using essential vocabulary and elementary grammar for communicative purposes. Several aspects of Japanese culture are introduced and discussed in class. Students are expected to develop a better understanding of the culture and how it is interconnected with the language through excursions to cultural resources in nearby communities. Authentic-printed, web-based, and audiovisual materials are used to enhance development of students' communicative competence.

Additional unique features

- ❖ The program takes advantage of abundant cultural resources and facilities available in the communities around George Mason University, which students are assigned to visit.
- ❖ The program invites guest speakers with extensive knowledge and skills in certain aspects of Japanese culture.
- ❖ Twice a week, students learn about and enjoy catered authentic Japanese food. On these occasions, students have opportunities either to converse with the guest speakers of the day or learn the language and culture through short film clips on Japanese culture shown at lunch.

Program Advantages:

- ❖ Complete your Mason foreign language requirement in one summer.
- ❖ Learn Japanese language and culture through a variety of activities and authentic materials.
- ❖ Have opportunities to interact with native speakers of Japanese from nearby communities.

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