B.A. (HONS) IN JAPANESE STUDIES

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Introduction of the Course

This course will span **8 semesters**, with a balanced focus on language proficiency, cultural understanding, translation skills, and applied linguistics.

Course Objectives

- To provide students with a solid foundation in the Japanese language, from beginner to advanced proficiency.
- To offer in-depth knowledge of Japanese culture, history, literature, and business practices.
- To prepare students for careers in translation, interpretation, international business, diplomacy, teaching, and research.
- To ensure that the course structure aligns with the NEP 2020, promoting holistic and interdisciplinary learning.

Course Structure and Credit Distribution

The course is divided into **8 semesters** over four years. Each semester consists of a combination of core, elective, and skill-enhancement courses, designed to provide a well-rounded education.

Semester-wise Detailed Course Plan

Year 1: Foundation Level (CEFR: A1 - A2, JLPT: N5-N4)

Focus: Introduction to the Japanese language and basic cultural knowledge.

SEMESTER I

S. NO	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Communicative Japanese- I A (Oral Comprehension and Expression)	4	4	100
2	Communicative Japanese- I B (Reading Comprehension, Writing Skills and Contextual Grammar)	4	4	100
	Total Credits	8	8	200

SEMESTER II

S. NO	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Communicative Japanese- II A (Oral Comprehension and Expression)	4	4	100
2	Communicative Japanese- II B (Reading Comprehension, Writing Skills and Contextual Grammar)	4	4	100
	Total Credits	8	8	200

EXIT 1: UG Certificate

Year 2: Pre-Intermediate Level (CEFR: B1, JLPT: N3)

Focus: Enhancing language skills and introducing basic translation techniques.

SEMESTER III

S. NO	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Functional Intermediate Japanese- I A	4	4	100
2	Functional Intermediate Japanese- I B	4	4	100
	Total Credits	8	8	200

SEMESTER IV

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Functional Intermediate Japanese- II A	4	4	100
2	Functional Intermediate Japanese- II B	4	4	100
3	Society and Culture of Ancient & Medieval Japan	4	4	100
	Total Credits	12	12	300

EXIT 2: UG Diploma

Year 3: Intermediate to Advanced Level (CEFR: B2, JLPT: N2)

Focus: Developing advanced language skills, translation, and business communication.

SEMESTER V

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Advanced Use of Language- I	4	4	100
2	General Translation and Interpretation	4	4	100
4	Society and Culture of Modern Japan	4	4	100
	Total Credits	12	12	300

SEMESTER VI

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Advanced Use of Language- II	4	4	100
2	Applied Translation- I	4	4	100
3	Applied Interpretation- I	4	4	100
4	Introduction to Japanese Literature- I	4	4	100
	Total Credits	16	16	400

EXIT 3: UG Degree

Year 4: Advanced Level and Specialisation (CEFR: C1/C2, JLPT: N1)

Focus: Specialisation, research, and professional application.

(Honours Only)

SEMESTER VII

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Selected Classical Prose- I	4	4	100
2	Applied Translation- I	4	4	100
3	Applied Interpretation- I	4	4	100
4	Social Structures and Traditions of Japan- I	4	4	100
	Total Credits	16	16	400

SEMESTER VIII

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
1	Selected Classical Prose- II	4	4	100
2	Applied Translation- II	4	4	100
3	Applied Interpretation- II	4	4	100
4	Social Structures and Traditions of Japan- II	4	4	100
	Total Credits	16	16	400

EXIT 4 (A): UG Degree (Honours)

Year 4: Advanced Level and Specialisation (CEFR: C1/C2, JLPT: N1)

Focus: Specialisation, research, and professional application.

(Honours with Research)

SEMESTER VII

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
5	Research Methodology- I	4	4	100
6	Dissertation- I	4	4	100
	Total Credits			

SEMESTER VII

S. No	Course Title	Credits	Lectures/Week	Marks
5	Research Methodology- II	4	4	100
6	Dissertation- II	4	4	100
	Total Credits			

EXIT 4 (B): UG Degree (Honours with Research)

Career Prospects

Graduates will have the necessary skills for careers in:

- Translation and Interpretation: Corporate, diplomatic, and academic settings.
- **International Business**: Trade, marketing, and client relations with Japanese companies.
- **Cultural Consultancy and Tourism**: Facilitating cross-cultural exchanges and travel experiences.
- **Teaching and Academia**: Teaching Japanese as a foreign language in schools and colleges.
- Further Studies: Opportunity to pursue M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Japanese Studies.