

## *Japanese (JPN)*

### **JPN 101 Elementary Japanese**

4 Hours

Prerequisites: None  
4 hours weekly (4-0)

The course introduces students to elementary Japanese vocabulary, grammar, and usage. The skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing are stressed. By the end of the course, students will be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana (the two phonetic scripts used for Japanese), as well as about 75 kanji ("ideographic" characters). Much classroom time is devoted to students' production of meaningful utterances in small groups or pairs.

### **JPN 102 Elementary Japanese II**

4 Hours

Prerequisites: JPN 101  
4 hours weekly (4-0)

This language course is combined to include the four language learning skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing as well as culture/civilization. This course is designed for students interested not only in continuing to learn another language but also for those wishing to stay current in a global and international society. Its emphasis is on familiarizing oneself with the Japanese language and culture in order to do away with the awkwardness sometimes felt in coming into contact with a different culture for the first time.

### **JPN 150 Conversational Japanese**

2 Hours

Prerequisites: None  
2 hours weekly (2-0)

This course is designed as an introduction to spoken Japanese with particular emphasis on its linguistic and cultural characteristics. Via a video presentation and in-class language skill drills, the student will be presented with the necessary tools for speaking and understanding everyday conversational Japanese. Civilization and customs will be taught as they pertain to the spoken language. Students will also be introduced to the Japanese reading and writing systems.