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UNIVERSITY

THE LITTLE BOOK OF
**JAPANESE
STUDIES AT
BROOKES**



What will I study?

In year 1 you will study Japanese language from beginners', GCSE or post-GCSE level. You will also take a compulsory module which provides essential background knowledge of Japanese society, geography and history.

In year 2 you will develop your language skills further, combining this with study of the arts, culture and society of Japan.

Year 3 is your year abroad! Study in Japan and perfect your language skills whilst being immersed in the culture.

In your **final year** you will concentrate further on those specific aspects of Japanese life or issues in language that you uncovered during your year abroad.

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Our friendly, close-knit team will help you get the most out of the course. You will have your own academic advisor from within the Japanese Studies team (or your other subject if you choose to combine) and all lecturers have scheduled office hours where you'll be encouraged to talk outside of the classroom to discuss your work and ideas.
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“The freedom and flexibility to choose my modules was the thing that I appreciated the most, especially as I was doing a combined course. By tailoring my degree I felt I was getting exactly what I wanted out of my time at Brookes.”

RICHARD ROWE, JAPANESE STUDIES GRADUATE
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Year Abroad

In your third year (or second year if you are studying Japanese language as a post-beginner), you'll study at one of our partner universities, immersing yourself in Japanese culture and language. You'll fine tune your language skills through intensive study and choose courses on Japanese history and culture, taught in both English and Japanese.





We are partnered with these Japanese universities:

Aoyama Gakuin University

Kansai University

Kitakyushu University

Kyushu Sangyo University

Kyoto Gaikokugo University

Gakushuin University

Meiji Gakuin University

Nagasaki University

**Nagoya University of
Foreign Studies**

Obirin University

**Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific
University**

Ryukoku University

Tsukuba University

Tsuru University

Yamanashi University

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“Oxford Brookes has been a real stepping stone for me. I’ve gained confidence and perfected my Japanese language abilities to near native level. The tuition and help I have received from the lecturers has been phenomenal. The way the language is taught and the pace of the lessons is perfect. I feel that anyone would be able to pick up Japanese by studying at Oxford Brookes.”
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OMAR CHOWDHURY, JAPANESE STUDIES GRADUATE
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Japanese Studies in Oxford

Oxford is one of the UK's top cities for culture and has a worldwide reputation for academic excellence, providing the perfect backdrop for life as a language student.

Oxford is truly multicultural and rich in heritage and entertainment, whilst remaining a small enough city to feel welcoming and accessible. You can attend a host of public lectures and seminars run by our own Europe Japan Research Centre, alongside the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies, based at St Anthony's College Oxford.

The Japan Room

The Japan Room is a popular resource for students, and is used to introduce you to aspects of social life in Japan such as tea ceremonies – as well as being a great location for tutorials. Our Japanese room contains: tatami mats, decorative shoji (paper windows), and fusuma (sliding doors). It was built by the Japanese carpenter (daiku) Kawaguchi Kiyotoshi and his apprentice (deshi) Yuki, who are both residents of Kyushu village in Japan.





Let's Read Japanese

Let's Read Japanese is a joint project led by Japanese Studies staff. It is a series of graded reading materials for Japanese language learners designed to be read for pleasure at different levels. Interesting stories with eye-catching illustrations will really enhance your learning of Japanese language and culture.

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“Whilst I came primarily to learn
the Japanese language, the cultural
modules have kindled a greater
interest in the history of Japan, its
religions, its cinema, and more.”
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MATTHEW LOTEN, JAPANESE STUDIES GRADUATE

Europe Japan Research Centre

The Europe Japan Research Centre (EJRC) runs a programme of guest lectures from visiting academics from other institutions in the UK and abroad. They cover a broad variety of topics related to Japan, so you'll be sure to find a few that capture your imagination! These lectures complement and extend the themes you'll be exploring in your modules.



Research and language expertise

You will be taught by tutors who are active researchers with strong international reputations. They draw on their own research to create a stimulating programme.

Our current areas of staff research expertise include:

Japanese cinema and popular culture

Japanese religious history

Japanese anthropology

Japanese families and urban communities

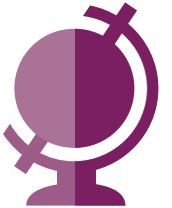
Applied linguistics

Language education





We encourage you to become a researcher in your own right, and by designing and undertaking your own research you will develop excellent analytical and independent study skills, adding weight to your CV.



London is a short coach journey away with a stop right in front of Brookes' Headington Campus, so you'll find it easy to get to London's museums and attend talks.



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“I was a member of the Japanese Society, which is the largest student-led society at Brookes. It was great to be able to get together with my friends and to meet new people with similar interests.”

SOPHIE BENNETT, JAPANESE STUDIES GRADUATE
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Combinations

You can choose to study Japanese Studies as a single or combined honours degree. Popular combinations include:

- **Business Management**
- **Publishing Media**
- **Computer Science**
- **History**

The flexible module approach at Brookes means that both single and combined honours students can choose to study a module from outside their course.



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