

**THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES
PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

For students studying on programme:	BA (Hons) Japanese Studies
Level of study:	Level 2
Academic year of study:	2026/27
Programme code:	05777
Document link:	The online version of this programme structure is the definitive version, please make sure you are reading the most up to date copy: http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=15865
Important information:	It is your responsibility to ensure that you are registered for the correct units and that they fit with your timetable, please read the structure and the accompanying guidance carefully and contact us if you have any queries or questions.
Contact:	If you have any questions about this programme structure, please contact the Languages programme administration team: salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk

Step 1: Please ensure that you have read and understood the accompanying guidance document here: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=43085>

You must be registered for 120 credits exactly. A minimum of 50 credits or a maximum of 70 credits can be taken in one semester. The credits for a full year unit are weighted evenly across both semesters.

Step 2a: Beginners Japanese Pathway: Core Course Units

If you were a beginner in Japanese in your first year, you will be automatically enrolled on to the following course units in LIST A (40 credits) by your Programme Administration Team.

LIST A	Core Course Units	Credit
Semester 1		
JAPA51031	Japanese Language 3 (<i>pass mark of 40 required on first sitting; students who fail to meet this requirement may be required to change degree programme as outlined in the regulation here</i>)	20
Semester 2		
JAPA51042	Japanese Language 4	20

Step 2b: Post A-Level or Equivalent Japanese Pathway: Core Course Units

If you have an A-level in Japanese, you will be automatically enrolled on to the following course units in LIST B (20 credits) by your Programme Administration Team:

LIST B	Core Course Units	Credit
Full Year		
JAPA51050	Japanese Language 5	20

Step 3: Optional Course Units

You must next enrol on to a minimum of 40 credits (60 credits if you are POST A-Level and taking JAPA51050) and a maximum of 60 credits from the following course units in LIST C:

LIST C	Optional Course Units	Credit
Semester 1		
JAPA20311	Race, Class, and Gender in Japan and South Korea	20
JAPA20131	Core Themes in Animated Film and Visual Culture of Postwar Japan	20
Semester 2		
JAPA20112	Bodies, Gender and Sexuality in Modern Japan	20

Step 4 – Optional Units

If you have not taken 40-60 credits from LIST C, you must take further credits to make up your 120 credits for the year. Please review the following information.

Step 4a: Only for students continuing with a Minor in Digital Humanities.

If you studied the Minor in Digital Humanities in your first year, and would like to continue with it, you should now select the relevant course units for the Minor, ensuring that you choose all 40 credits.

You can find the course units to select here: <https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=75455> or email salc.programmes@manchester.ac.uk to discuss your options.

Please note: You cannot begin a new Minor in your second or third year of study.

Step 4b: Free Choice – if you have not taken a Minor, you must select 40 credits of free choice units.

If you have credits still to take, you can choose a free choice unit(s) to make up your 120 credits for the year.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the accompanying guidance document – section on free choice - here: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=43085>

A maximum of 20 credits can be taken at one level below your current level of study.

For free choice units available in the School of Arts Languages and Cultures please see:

<https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/undergraduate/course-unit-selection/free-choice/>

A maximum of 20 credits can be taken as free choice outside of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures.

For free choice units available from the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning*, please see:

<http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/>

For free choice units available from the University Language Centre*, please see:

<https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/university-language-centre-leap-courses/>

*Please note that for students studying a language as part of their degree, there are restrictions on the selection of language units as free choice. Please refer to the accompanying guidance document – section on free choice - here:

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=43085>

For a full list of free choice units available in the University, please select the My Courses tab within My Manchester: login.manchester.ac.uk.