



JAPANESE STUDIES & EAST ASIA STUDIES

Broaden Your Horizons

Explore East Asia's Role in the World

To be an effective global citizen, you must broaden your perspective to navigate our rapidly changing, interconnected world.

Studying the business, politics, religion, language, and culture of Japan and East Asia provides these insights while also deepening your cultural sensitivity and global awareness. With this foundation, you'll learn how to bridge regions, balance perspectives, and motivate action to achieve lasting economic and social good.

Where Curiosity Leads, Passion Follows

Your first year is all about exploration and discovery.

With minimal required courses, you have the flexibility to personalize your academic path and discover what truly excites you. Dive into a wide range of subjects, try something completely new, and shape your schedule to reflect your unique interests.

Customize your Degree

Combine modules like specializations, majors, and minors to build a path that matches your passions and goals.

Japanese Studies ■ ■ Japan Studies ■ East Asia Studies ■ ■

Legend: ● Honours Specialization ◆ Specialization ▲ Major ■ Minor

Course Examples

JPN 1050: Japanese 1

JPN 1650: Perspectives on Japan

JPN 3650: Japan Through Film

The Huron Advantage

With our small class sizes and dedicated faculty, we challenge our students to be **Leaders with Heart** by prioritizing ethical leadership, community engagement, and professional success. Our programs encourage civic responsibility, and compassion, inspiring students to make a positive impact in the world.

Guaranteed Internship Opportunities

At Huron, opportunity isn't just something you wait for, it's something you prepare for and pursue, with support.

Every student is guaranteed a paid internship opportunity and volunteer positions by working with their career coach for 1:1 support to develop a personalized 4-year plan. Whether you're looking for a meaningful internship, community engagement, or a post-graduation launchpad, our Careers & Experiences team is here to help you explore, apply, and succeed.

Learn more about Careers & Experiences at huronu.ca.

Where Japanese Studies & East Asia Studies Can Take You

Graduates of this program apply a thorough understanding of the historical, cultural, linguistic, and social influences that spur and halt change within and between cultures.

What Do Our Grads Do?

- Teaching (foreign language in Canada)
- Teaching (English in Japan)
- Interpreters or Translators
- Canadian and International Business (in Japan)
- NGOs
- Journalism
- Diplomatic Services
- Intelligence Analysis
- Graduate Studies

"Japanese Studies and East Asia Studies programs give students the unique opportunity to learn about a distinct culture thousands of miles away, while building critical thinking and creative writing skills, as well as developing their global perspective."

DR. MICHIO KAWAI

Program Coordinator
and Associate Professor,
Japanese and East Asia Studies



Beyond the Classroom

All Japanese Studies & East Asia Studies students are encouraged to pursue their interests through independent research and share their work through conferences, showcases, and experiential learning opportunities. Examples include:

- Investigating real-world issues such as elderly care, low birth rates, and sustainable housing in Japan and Canada.
- Presenting research in English or Japanese at CURL conferences, student showcases, and national associations.
- Exploring culture and society through topics like high school baseball, LGBTQ+ representation in media, and global fashion trends.
- Engaging in experiential learning locally or abroad through travel, work-study, and volunteer initiatives.



CAREER INTERNSHIPS

Get paid part-time experience during the school year or full-time in summer. These roles align with your interests and help build your resume with real-world value.

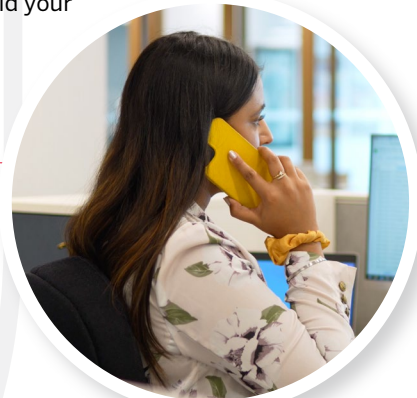
ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS

Earn while you learn. Take 4–16 months off between Year 3 and Year 4 for a full-time, for-credit, paid internship. Many students receive job offers after completion.



RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

Work with a Huron faculty member for support on a student research fellowship with funding up to \$1,500 or a paid research assistant opportunity.



ENTREPRENEURIAL INTERNSHIPS

Get support to ideate, plan, and launch a new business. You'll get 1:1 coaching, access to funding, and other resources to set you up for success.



Travel Study

Many of our students spend one or two semesters with exchange partner institutions in Japan and various places in East Asia where they immerse themselves in language and culture, learn by experience, and gain first-hand knowledge of these influential societies.



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