


# JAPANESE STUDIES B.A.

## +GLOBAL DISTINCTION

### MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP)

#### Sample Progression Plan

<p><b>Fall Semester 1</b>  <i>AEaj 101</i> (if needed) <b>FL</b>                       AEas 103/104 or <i>AEaj/AEac/AEak 170 HU IP</i>                       (<b>Culture option</b>)                      Natural Science Gen Ed <b>NS</b>                      Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 1</b>  <i>AEaj 102</i> (if needed)                       AArh 171 <b>AR IP</b> (<b>Culture option</b>)                      UUni 110 <b>WCI</b>  <i>RPos 102 CH SS</i>  (<b>Transnational</b>)                      Elective</p>	<p><b>Summer 1</b>                      Consider coursework                      Look for a summer job in the area of your studies                      Consider study abroad options</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b>  <i>AEaj 201</i>                       Minor Course                      US Historical Perspectives Gen Ed <b>US</b>                      Math Gen Ed <b>MS</b>                      Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 2</b>  <i>AEaj 202</i>                       AEas 205X                      Minor Course  <i>AEco 330</i> + (<b>Development</b>) as Elective                      Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Summer 2</b>                      Look for shadowing opportunities</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b>                      AEaj 301                      AEaj Intermediate Prerequisite                      Minor Course                      Elective                      Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b>  <b>Study Abroad!</b> + <b>IP</b>                      AEaj 302                      AEaj Intermediate Prerequisite                      Minor Course                      Elective                      Elective  <i>Study abroad in any semester or even for 1 year, with the approval of your Major and GD academic advisors.</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 3</b>  <b>Intern/Research Abroad!</b> + <b>IP</b>                      (8-10 weeks)                      May earn credit for Independent Study in your Major.  <i>Pro Tip: Why not declare the <b>International Studies Minor</b> to formally reflect study and interning abroad or consider a Minor in Art History, History, another Language, or Linguistics?</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 4</b>                      AEaj Intermediate Prerequisite                      Major – Upper Level Elective                      Minor Course                      Elective                      Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 4</b>                      Major – 300 Level Seminar +                      (<b>globally-oriented capstone project</b>, if your Major requires a research seminar/paper)                      Minor Course                      Elective                      Elective                      Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Congratulations!</b>                      You have earned UAlbany's <b>Global Distinction!</b></p>

#### General Education Requirements, for students matriculating Fall 2014 and after:



<b>MS</b> Mathematics and Statistics	<b>SS</b> Social Sciences
<b>WCI</b> Writing and Critical Inquiry	<b>IP</b> International Perspectives
<b>AR</b> Arts	<b>US</b> U.S. Historical Perspectives
<b>HU</b> Humanities	<b>CH</b> Challenges for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
<b>NS</b> Natural Sciences	<b>FL</b> Foreign Language ( <i>one semester of collegiate study, or the equivalent, of a foreign language</i> )

#### Credit bearing Professional Development Options:

- RSSW 290, 291 and 390 – Community Service
- Research within major University
- Internship Departmental Internship
- Community Engaged Coursework
- Study Abroad
- Tutoring opportunities

NOTE: This is a suggested course sequence.

#### Global Distinction (GD) Course Categories:

-  UAlbany Gen Ed or Major requirement AND counts towards the GD (Global Distinction)!
-  Counts towards the GD AND your Electives AND may also count towards your Major, Minor or Gen Ed Requirements!

\*See the back of this sheet for more information about the Global Distinction.

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## What the Global Distinction Program can do for you!

Global Distinction is a new University at Albany Milestone (appearing on the bottom of your official transcript upon graduation) conferred upon students who complete a structured set of life-changing, international academic experiences that produce a globally competent graduate. Today's employers and graduate school programs seek students who have the right balance of disciplinary knowledge and real-world problem-solving skills. In today's highly globalized society, scientists, artists, employees, and small business owners all need to master inter-cultural communication skills. Global Distinction meets that need through

- 2 years (4 semesters) of **foreign language** acquisition or the equivalent in proficiency
- **Interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework**, including 1 course that includes a focus on
  - Culture-Area Studies or Inter-Cultural Competency (**Culture**)
  - International Development or Economics (**Development**)
  - International Relations, Migration, or Human Rights (**Transnational**)
  - a Capstone Research Project that is approached with a global lens (if your Major requires a research seminar/paper)
- **International immersion** via a **study abroad** semester and an 8-10 week summer **internship/research** opportunity

## You can graduate on time!

With the guidance of your academic advisors for your Major, Minor and the Global Distinction (GAP Director Dr. Annette Richie; email [arichie@albany.edu](mailto:arichie@albany.edu) for an appointment), you will find your "best fit" university for your study abroad semester and your summer internship or lab research placement. The "extra" language and interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework can be completed at UAlbany or abroad, or applied from your Transfer, Advanced Placement, and University in the High School courses. *Culture*, *Development* and *Transnational* courses can be found in various Majors and Minors and many fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

## The GD program is within your financial reach!

You can use financial aid and most UAlbany scholarships for studying and interning abroad as you are earning UAlbany credit! Global Distinction participants will be eligible for a **Flight Voucher**, to apply towards studying, interning, or researching abroad.

Global Academic Programs offers its own **scholarships**, including the World Within Reach Scholarship Fund and The Joan N. Savitt Scholarship for Study Abroad. Learn more at <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/scholarships-grants.php>. Jacqueline Ledermann, GAP Assistant Director, advises on external scholarship applications, such as the NSEP Boren Scholarship, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, and the Critical Language Scholarship. Some nations and overseas universities that we partner with also offer their own scholarships. Amounts and eligibility criteria vary.

## Study abroad in your Major at these UAlbany partner universities (these are just a few examples)!

**Australia:** University of Wollongong (Wollongong)

**China:** Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong); Peking University (Beijing)

**Finland:** Abo Akademi University (Abo-Turku)

**France:** University of Grenoble-Alpes (Grenoble)

**Japan:** Kansai Gaidai University (Hirakata City); Kwansei Gakuin University (Nishinomiya); Tohoku University (Sendai City); Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Tokyo); Waseda University (Tokyo)

**Korea:** Hallym University (Chuncheon)