



JAPANESE AND EAST ASIA STUDIES

Broaden Your Horizons



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EXPLORE EAST ASIA'S **ROLE IN** **THE WORLD**

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE GLOBAL CITIZEN, YOU NEED TO BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE BEYOND YOUR OWN BACKYARD AND UNDERSTAND A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL FORCES IN ORDER TO NAVIGATE OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING, INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

What better way to develop these insights than by building an awareness of the business, religion, politics, language and culture of one of the most influential areas in the world today — Japan and East Asia.

Distinguish yourself as a leader who can bridge North American and East Asian organizations. Develop the cultural sensitivity and foundational understanding about how different perspectives can be balanced to motivate action and achieve economic and social good.

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

At Huron, you will find a highly flexible program featuring small, intimate classes, personalized coaching and opportunities for imaginative, independent research and hands-on learning. Prepare to become immersed in the beauty, complexity and intrigue of East Asia.



“It’s really important to connect with diverse people and learn about cultures other than your own. This type of knowledge makes life a lot more interesting. In addition to Huron’s friendly and helpful teachers and small class sizes, our university offers amazing opportunities to study abroad, so you become fully immersed in the countries you study. Learning about and living in Japan is my dream, and Huron is helping it all come true.”

EMMA SAUDER-BYRNE '20

Major, Japanese Studies
Lindsay, Ontario

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF OTHER EXCITING COURSES across a variety of disciplines, including History, Business & other languages.

WHY JAPANESE AND EAST ASIA STUDIES?

- Prepare yourself for a variety of careers. Employers today are looking for people with the ability to analyze information, find creative solutions to problems and effectively communicate their ideas. These skills are acquired when studying language, literature and culture.
- Gain an edge over the competition. Distinguish yourself from other job applicants with competency in more than one language.
- Increase your job opportunities. Bilingualism will make you eligible for more jobs both within and outside of Canada.
- See the world from another perspective. Globalization of the business world demands leaders with a greater awareness of other cultures.
- Acquire deeper understanding of your own culture. Explore your cultural assumptions and biases by studying different languages, perspectives and ways of life.

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

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.

- Teaching (foreign language in Canada)
- Teaching (English in East Asia)
- Graduate studies on East Asia
- Interpreting/translating
- Canadian and International business (in East Asia)
- NGOs
- Politics
- Journalism
- Diplomatic services
- Intelligence analysis
- Foreign services

“If you want to participate in global conversations, you need to understand what motivates key influencers and pay respect to their unique customs, cultures and ways of life. This program gives you an amazing foundation of knowledge and skills to nurture your drive to become a global thought leader by challenging you to think and speak in a whole new way.”

MACKENZIE BISHOP '20

**Honours Specialization, Japanese & East Asia Studies
Graphic Designer & Research Assistant
London, Ontario**



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.

FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Japanese Studies			✓	✓
Japan Studies				✓
East Asia Studies			✓	✓



**NEED A MENTOR?
BE A MENTOR.**

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!
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FIRST-YEAR COURSES

JAPANESE 1

An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with emphasis on the development of communicative skills. Intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Japanese.

PERSPECTIVES ON JAPAN

Contents include territory, people, language, religion, economy, popular culture, science and technology. Students investigate Japan and East Asia within today's globalized world, identify their own cultural bias and critically evaluate diverse perspectives. Taught in English.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30am – 11:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	8:30am – 9:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	12:30pm – 2:30pm Japanese 1050 Beginners Japanese <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm English 1027F The Storyteller's Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i>	9:30am – 10:30am Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>
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	2:30pm – 4:30pm Japanese 1650F Perspectives on Japan <i>0.50 credit</i>		3:30pm – 5:30pm Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor or major in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, or a specialization, major or minor in a range of Huron programs such as:

- Centre for Global Studies
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Economics
- Philosophy
- Linguistics
- Foreign language pedagogy
- Global Great Books



"Japanese and East Asia 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. MICHIIYA KAWAI
Chair and Associate Professor,
Asian Studies



HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

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FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. Here are some of their areas of expertise:

- Japanese history
- Japanese culture
- General linguistics
- Japanese linguistics
- Foreign/Japanese language pedagogy

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

All Japanese and East Asia Studies students are encouraged to pursue their interests through independent research. Examples of senior research projects include:

- Elderly care facilities: Their problems and potential solutions
- Net zero energy housing in Japan and Canada
- An experiential approach to foreign language teaching
- The effects of low birth-rate in contemporary Japan and its challenges
- Japanese high school baseball clubs and the positive effects of extra curricular programs in high school education
- Trends of self-depiction of LGBTQ+ community in media; A case study from *Boys Love* manga
- The globalization of Japanese fashion and pop culture
- The influence of Japanese anime characters on youth in the Greater Middle-East
- Evolution of playable characters in Japanese video games reflecting the gender norms of the Japanese society

GET INVOLVED!

- Join Huron's weekly Friday lunch-time Japanese Conversation Club, or connect with Western's Japanese club
- Participate in the Ontario Area Japanese Speech Contest
- Serve as an instructional assistant at the Mori-no-Machi (Forest City) Japanese language school on Saturdays
- Be a peer guide for exchange students from East Asia
- Help organize Huron's annual Japan Day
- Work at Japan Bowl Ontario

AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Cinema in Japan
- East Asian Cities and Cultures
- Anime in Japan
- Japanese pedagogy and linguistics
- Japanese cultural history through Japanese cuisine
- Cultural foundation of Japan
- Business Translation
- Japanese at higher levels

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Japanese and East Asia Studies at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Japanese Program Award of Distinction
- Japanese Essay Prize
- JPN4450 Prize
- JPN3350 Prize

SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES

Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.



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scholars-electives-program](https://huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program)

EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID **INTERNSHIP** and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of East Asia Studies include:

- Teaching English in Asia and overseas

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AS:

- French & East Asia Studies Representative

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