

## **Japanese Program Policies on Language Placement and Study Abroad Language Credit Transfer.**

### **Transferring study abroad language credits for Japanese 002, 003, 004, 105, or 106**

Students who have completed at least one Basic, Intermediate or Advanced Japanese language course at GW—JAPN 001 through JAPN 105—may receive credit for the succeeding GW courses in sequence up to JAPN 106 without an exam, upon successfully passing a Japanese language course at a Japanese university that is sanctioned by GW's Study Abroad Program, regardless of the level into which they were placed by the program at the Japanese university. Credit for the course(s) will be granted on a one-course-per-one-semester basis—credit for one GW Japanese language course will be granted for each semester of Japanese language studied at the Japanese university. The Office for Study Abroad will award language credit for JAPN 002-JAPN 106 based on this policy statement and the language level they took at GW before their study abroad.

Example 1: A student spends one semester in Japan after completing Japanese 002 at GW. He/she can automatically have 4 credit hours transferred from his/her overseas program as Japanese 003 without a test.

Example 2: A student spends two semesters in Japan after completing Japanese 002 at GW. She/he can get 8 credit hours transferred as Japanese 003 and 004.

Example 3: A student spends one semester in Japan after completing Japanese 004 at GW. He/she can get 3 credit hours transferred as Japanese 105.

Example 4: A student spends two semesters in Japan after completing Japanese 004 at GW. She/he can get 6 credit hours transferred as Japanese 105 and 106.

Any remaining credits earned in Japan will be transferred as Japanese 099. This applies also to all the credits earned by a student who begins his/her study of Japanese for the first time at a Japanese university. However, students may apply these credit units to courses beyond succeeding courses up to JAPN 106 at the discretion of the course instructor through examination. In general, the examination will be the equivalent of the course's Final Exam. Students are responsible for contacting the instructor for relevant course material for study prior to the examination.

### **Higher level language credits**

The above policy applies to transfer credits for language classes up to Japanese 106. If a student wants to receive language credit for Japanese 107 or 108, he/she must take an examination with the instructor of the course upon return to GW. Students are responsible for contacting the instructor of the course for all relevant materials.

If a student wants to receive language credit for Japanese 121 or 122, students must bring all tests and writing assignments as evidence of equivalency.

**Credit for Non-language courses**

To receive consideration for transfer of non-language credits, bring all relevant course materials—including syllabus, tests, writing assignments, etc.—as evidence of equivalency.

**Placement exam**

On-line placement exams are used as general guidelines for placing transfer students and in-coming students. The instructors reserve the right to reassign them to appropriate classes on the basis of other means of evaluation.

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