

## **Full-time 4-year Undergraduate Degrees - Minor Programmes**

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1.	Title of Minor Programme & Programme Code	Minor in Japanese (72419-YJC)
2.	Offering Department(s) in Full & in Abbreviation	Department of Language Science and Technology (LST)
3.	Requirement for Claiming the Minor Award	At least 9 of the 18 credits required for satisfying the Minor requirements should be at level 3 or above
4.	Exclusive Programme(s) & Programme Code(s)	Nil
5.	Effective Year	For students admitted from 2023-24 onwards
6.	Professional Recognition	N/A

Subject Code	Subject Title	Subject Offering Department/ Faculty	Level	Credit Value	Subject Nature (Compulsory* /Elective)
CBS2501	Introductory Japanese I	LST	2	3	Compulsory
CBS2502	Introductory Japanese II	LST	2	3	Compulsory
CBS3505	Intermediate Japanese I	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS3536	Intermediate Japanese II	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS1B03 / CBS1BN03	East Asia: Towards a Global Community with Cultural Diversity	LST	1	3	Elective
CBS1C16 / CBS1CN16	Understanding Japan: A Journey into Japanese Culture and Society	LST	1	3	Elective
CBS3537	Introductory Reading Japanese	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS3535	Intermediate Reading Japanese	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS3532	Business Japanese	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS3534	Spoken Japanese and Intonation	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS3538	Japanese culture: from Samurai to Hello Kitty	LST	3	3	Elective
CBS4533	Advanced Japanese I	LST	4	3	Elective
CBS4536	Intercultural Communication in Japanese	LST	4	3	Elective
	Work-Integrated Education (WIE) in Japan	LST/other departments	2/3/4	3	Elective

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to placement test, which is organised by the Japanese Program at the beginning of each semester, student may be exempt from taking compulsory subjects in order instead to taking a higher level Japanese language subject.

\* The courses CBS2501, CBS2502, CBS3505, CBS3536 and CBS4533 must be taken in sequential order. Typically, students are required to start with CBS2501. If a student is permitted to begin with CBS2502 or a higher course based on a placement test, he/she will not be allowed to retroactively enroll in CBS2501 or any lower course.

^Students can apply for counting the WIE, if carried out in Japan, as an elective for fulfilling the credit requirements. Completed application form AR147(a) should be submitted to the Minor-offering department (Minor Department) for approval and no later than your applying for graduation.

## In addition:

- Only credit-bearing WIE (with a subject code) will be accepted.
- The WIE duration should be a minimum of 60 working hours.
- Only students who have already passed the WIE and meet all the specified criteria can apply for the counting of WIE as an elective subject of the Minor.
- Maximum one WIE can be counted towards the Minor.
- A maximum of 3 WIE credits will be counted towards the Minor.
- The Minor will follow the WIE level indicated by the Major department.
- The grade of WIE (regardless whether it is a Merit /Pass/Fail or a letter grade) would not be counted towards the calculation of the Minor GPA, despite the double-counting of the credits.

For detailed syllabus and subject pre-requisite/co-requisite/exclusion requirement, please visit the following website:

Location: eStudent (http://www.polyu.edu.hk/student)> Information > Subject Search

For details of the programme, please visit the Department website at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/lst/

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