

# UNDERGRADUATE LICENCE: JAPANESE

## Objectives

The aim of this non-specialised and multidisciplinary programme is to enable students who are complete beginners to reach a satisfactory level in Japanese language and culture. At the end of this undergraduate *Licence* degree, students are thus able to continue to develop their oral and written skills within this linguistic and cultural environment. This undergraduate *Licence* enables students to gain a level of general Japanese culture, as well as strong language skills, with the aim of shaping future specialists in Japanese language and culture. The teaching of Japanese at Bordeaux Montaigne University holds an important position within French higher education. Our numerous exchange agreements (twelve in total) make the university a particularly attractive choice.

In a nutshell...

**Duration:**  
year(s)

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**Education level:**

## Joint degree establishments and partnerships

## Training content

Three years of study

First year of undergraduate study (*Licence 1*)

The first year of the undergraduate *Licence* in Japanese is dedicated to learning the fundamental grammatical structures with the aid of a textbook, as well as the two syllabaries, 200 to 300 kangji (Chinese characters), and oral-skills practice. The course also comprises civilisation units in history, geography, and modern society.

Second year of undergraduate study (*Licence 2*)

In this second year of the undergraduate *Licence* in Japanese, students continue to acquire knowledge of the fundamental grammatical structures (with the aid of a textbook) and of the kanji. Students continue to develop their oral-skills practice. The course also comprises civilisation units in ancient history, literature and Japanese society.

Third year of undergraduate study (*Licence 3*)

The focus of the third year of the undergraduate *Licence* in Japanese is to improve and perfect students' language skills. Students also work on texts and continue to develop their oral skills through practice. Civilisation units focus on the history of thought, design, literature, and international relations.

## Admissions

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Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies :

- \* Independent Stay
- \* Exchange Programme

## Career pathways

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On the other hand, for those students who are likely to seek employment prospects in industry, the Applied Foreign Languages (LEA) pathway is the preferred option.

## Further studies

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For those students who envisage a future career linked to a field that specialises in Japanese, such as teaching, research, literary translation, or interpretation, then the Foreign Languages, Literatures and Civilisation (LLCE) pathway is an attractive option. This is prepared across three years, as part of an undergraduate *Licence*. Students are then able to continue their studies by completing a research-based Master's across two years, and then may continue towards further study at PhD level.