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To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences

From: Robin Visser, Chair, Department of Asian Studies

Re: Request for changes to the concentration in Japanese

The following courses are being added to the concentration:

- ASIA 67: First-Year Seminar: Japanese Fashion: History and Culture
- JAPN 417: Japanese Culture through Film and Literature [being proposed concurrently]

The following courses, all being deactivated concurrently, are being deleted from the concentration:

- JAPN 165: Gods, Ghosts, and Heroes: Myths and Legends in Japanese History and Culture
- JAPN 258 Death and Dying: Mortality, Culture, and Society in Japan
- JAPN 333 Six Diseases That Changed Japan

Finally, language has been added to the concentration description to more explicitly clarify the policy on PL credit.

Attached is a revised version of the concentration text for the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Robin Visser

Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Japanese Concentration

Core Requirements

- JAPN 305 and 306. Students whose initial language placement is above JAPN 305 should consult the department.
- Four advanced Japanese courses from the following list: JAPN 401, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, [417](#), 490, 521, 590
- Two culture courses from the following list: ASIA 54, 58, 63, [67](#), 692H; ASIA/CMPL 379, 380, 481, 483, 486; HIST 271/JAPN 231, HIST 370/JAPN 363; JAPN 150, 160, 161, 162, ~~165~~, 246, ~~258~~, 261, 277, ~~333~~, 375, 376, 377, 381, 384, 451, 482; JAPN/LING 563

Additional Requirements

- Japanese through level 4

Approved courses taken in UNC–Chapel Hill-sponsored study abroad programs may count in the concentration. No more than one first-year seminar or senior honors thesis course may be included among the two culture courses.

Students majoring in Japanese are also encouraged to take the following courses as electives or to fulfill some of the General Education requirements: ANTH/ASIA 586; ASIA/GEOG 265; ASIA/HIST 134, 281, 286, 287, 288; ASIA/RELI 183, 284.

[Placement credit \(PL\) may not be used to meet core requirements for the concentration.](#)

With the approval of the associate chair of Asian studies, a student may count a course in directed readings (ASIA 496 or JAPN 496) in the concentration in Japanese. To register for ASIA 496 or JAPN 496, a student must obtain the approval of the associate chair and the faculty member who will supervise the project.

Of the eight courses in the concentration in Japanese, at least six must be passed with a grade of C (not C-) or better. No course in the concentration may be taken Pass/D+/D/Fail.