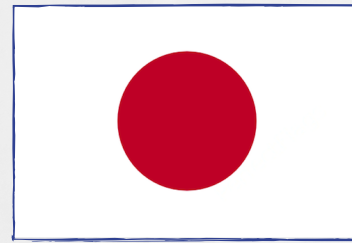


Why Learn Japanese?



- Japanese is an East Asian language spoken by 128 million people, primarily in Japan
- Japan has the 2nd largest economy in the world.
- From the elegant world of the tenth-century Tale of Genji (the world's first novel written by a woman) to the postmodern dystopias of Murakami Haruki and Banana Yoshimoto, Japanese literature has something for everyone.
- Knowing Japanese brings business opportunities.
- Japanese-speakers are the Internet's 3rd largest language group.

Employment

- Japan is ranked as the third economic power of the world, even though the country is smaller than the state of California.
- With a large population and the fast growing economy, Japan has a great potential as a market for U.S. goods.
- Japan is widely expected to become a major geopolitical force in the new Millennium.
- Graduates with proficiency in Japanese will be well-positioned for jobs in government, international relations, finance, tourism, translation, teaching and much, much more.
- The USA promotes a healthy relationship with Japan, both politically and academically.
- In turn, Japan sees the U.S. as a very important political partner. For that reason, it too promotes a strong transpacific communication by sponsoring study exchanges and research visits for Americans each year in many cities.

Japanese Careers

Career	Median Salary (2016)*	Job Growth (2014-2024)*
High School Teacher	\$58,030	6%
Translator	\$46,120	29%
Purchasing Agent	\$60,700	2%
Flight Attendant	\$48,500	2%
Political Scientist	\$114,290	-2% (decline)

