

**Program in Japanese Studies
Attachment to WASC Exhibit 7.1**

(3) Other than GPA, what data/evidence is used to determine that graduates have achieved stated outcomes for the degree? (e.g., capstone course, portfolio review, licensure examination)

(4) Who interprets the evidence? What is the process?

1. Means of Evaluation

Japanese Studies courses are designed in such a way that students cannot receive high grades without fulfilling reading and written assignments as a whole. The lower-division courses typically require students to accomplish the following: one in class midterm essay; one take home midterm essay; weekly response papers; two or three final essays. Upper-division courses are devised to further promote student's acquisition of core learning abilities and competencies as well as breadth and depth in the knowledge concerning Japan. A typical upper-division course would require: one midterm essay; two or three final essays. Many require research papers and offer instructions in research design and presentation. Grades are normally based on all the written assignments, exams, class attendance, and contribution to discussions. Essays are assigned by faculty in order to ascertain the students' ability to organize ideas analytically and to recombine lecture and reading material creatively for the purpose of investigating specific issues.

2. Capstone Course & Other Forms of Mentoring

The Japanese Studies Program has developed a well-articulated means to evaluate the formal learning processes and outcomes. Students are exposed to multiple levels of learning, from introductory level courses to a more advanced in-depth study, as well as learning opportunities outside UCSD, including Educational Abroad Program and internship. In general students enjoy the intimate faculty mentorship. Faculty are available to students outside the formal classrooms through office hours (minimum of 3 hours weekly), Independent Study, such programs as Faculty Mentor Program, and other means of supervision and guidance. Students are also encouraged to engage in their own original research and writing through program's capstone course JAPN190 and other upper-division courses.

In addition to the regular courses, our faculty offer independent tutorials to those students who desire to pursue their own original research and writing. Qualified and promising students are encouraged to sign up for Independent Study or Special Study courses in which they engage in closely guided reading, research and writing on interdisciplinary and comparative study of Japan. The Japanese studies program faculty observe the learning outcome through active participating in various programs that support undergraduate research and learning as well as supervise student's internship.

3. CAPE Evaluation

CAPE evaluation evinces a great majority of students enrolled in Japanese Studies courses find their learning experiences were more than satisfactory. They positively assess the instructors' proficiency and command over the course materials, the ways in which the course assignments were intellectually stimulating and promoted learning. They also appreciate that the program faculty were accessible outside classroom. Japanese studies courses consistently receive high instructor and course approval.

4. Reports on Post-Graduate Careers

The program's positive learning outcome is also demonstrated by our students' post-graduation career trajectories. For example, we have identified that many political science majors graduated with Japanese studies minors have elected to apply to law school, possibly through a specialization in international law and business related to Japan. Other reports indicate that a number of students proceeded to graduate schools to pursue studies related to Japan, including such programs as international policy programs, including IR/PS, and M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Asian Studies, linguistics, political sciences, sociology, and other disciplines. Our graduates were employed in Japan as language teachers and a foreign broadcast information officer. Still others are working in international business including Sony and Apple Japan.