



Congratulations!

Congratulations on your graduation from LaGuardia Community College with an Associate's Degree in the Liberal Arts Social Science and Humanities: Japanese Option. This document gives you a quick overview of your graduation and transfer schedules.

Graduation plan!

You should start considering your graduation and transfer plan as soon as you have more than 40 cumulative credits. Please meet with the program director (Tomonori Nagano) at least once before registering for your final semester. Ideally, you should graduate in the spring (i.e., June or August), but you can also graduate in the fall (i.e., December). If you graduate in the fall, you should complete all requirements in Fall Session 1 because Fall Session 2 ends in late February and may affect your ability to transfer to a school whose spring semester begins in early or mid-February.

The graduation application process is fairly simple. Add the following course to your schedule through CUNYfirst during your final semester at LaGuardia.

- Intent to Graduate (GRDOOO / #40644)

All students who have filed Intent to Graduate will be audited by the Registrar's Office for graduation. The Registrar's Office will mail

their audit letter to your home address recorded in CUNYfirst (in regular mail) by the end of the semester.

The college-wide graduation requirements are as follows:

- Grade Point Average: A 2.00 GPA (C average) is required for graduation, as well as passing the required basic skills tests.

Transfer to CUNY schools

The Japanese Option is articulated with the East Asian Studies at Queens College (<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/cma/c/>) and Japanese major at Hunter College (<https://www.hunter.cuny.edu/classics/japanese>; effective in Fall 2023). General admission to those articulation schools is listed below.

Admission requirements for Queens College

- GPA of 2.75 or better,
- A grade of "B" or better in ELJ101, ELJ102, ELJ103, and ELJ104
- Completion of 12 credits taken at Queens College with GPA of 2.75 or better

Admission requirements for Hunter College

- GPA of 2.5 or better,
- A grade of "C" or better in ELJ101, ELJ102, ELJ103, ELJ104, and ELJ250

Students with a GPA of 3.0 or above may transfer to the **CUNY BA Program**, which is housed at the CUNY Graduate Center (<http://cunyba.gc.cuny.edu>). To transfer to the CUNY BA Program, you will need to identify two faculty advisors at CUNY institutions.

As of Spring 2024, the deadlines for transfer applications to CUNY schools are as follows (<http://bit.ly/CUNYApply>):

Last Sem	Deadline	Notification
Spring	Feb 1	Bet Feb and July for Fall admission
Fall	Sept 15	Bet Oct and Dec for Spring admission

Please see the next page for more information about the transfer option to Queens & Hunter College. If you are interested in CUNY BA, please contact Teresa Curmi, Academic Director of the CUNY BA Program (teresa.curmi27@cunyba.cuny.edu / 212-817-8222).

Transfer to non-CUNY

If you are interested in applying to non-CUNY schools (e.g., NYU, Columbia, or Temple University Japan), you should start planning your transfer at least one year before your expected graduation date. Almost all external transfer applications require the following:



- Transfer Application via The Common Application (a.k.a., CommonApp; <http://www.commonapp.org>)
- Transfer application essays
- Letters of recommendation from faculty
- Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- Some form of financial support (e.g., scholarships or bank loans)

LaGuardia Community College and Temple University Japan established an articulation agreement in 2025. You can find more information about it at

<https://bit.ly/4jMr00j>

Finally, the following books are useful for learning about external transfers:

- Goodmacher, C. & Ngo, L. (2012). *The Transfer Book: Transfer to the College You Want*. New York, NY: Mindvine.
- McGrath, A. (2022). *Best Colleges 2022: Find the Best Colleges for You!*. New York, NY: U.S. News and World Report.

Although each school has a different transfer admission deadline, the following are general application deadlines for non-CUNY schools.

Transfer	Deadline
Fall Transfer	January - March
Spring Transfer	Oct-Dec (fewer schools accept transfer students in spring)

Transfer Workshops

The Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC) hosts workshops and school visits for external transfer students. Please check its website at

<https://hsac.common.gc.cuny.edu>. The Japan Studies Program also occasionally hosts transfer workshops for Japan Studies students.

Transfer Office

Student Transfer Services closed in 2024. All

transfer-related resources have been moved to the Transfer Resources webpage at <https://www.laguardia.edu/students/transfer-resources/>. For general questions about transfer, you can also email transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Transfer to QC and Hunter

For more information about the transfer process and course equivalencies, please speak with Prof. Mari Fujimoto, Director of Japanese Studies at Queens College (mari.fujimoto@qc.cuny.edu / 718-997-5579), or Prof. Maayan Barkan, Head of the Japanese Program at Hunter College (mbarkan@hunter.cuny.edu).

Contact

For questions about your transfer options, contact Tomonori Nagano, Director of the Japanese Option at LaGuardia, at B-234FF / 718-482-5484 / tnagano@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Queens College Articulation Summary

How your credits will transfer to Queens College	Cr	LaGuardia CC	Cr
Pathways	12		
Pathways Required Core (12 credits) and Flexible Core (18 credits) are equivalent among all CUNY campuses. The Pathways courses should transfer to Queens College as their Pathways courses.			
College Options	30	Pathways	30
Each four-year school has additional Pathways requirement called "College Option." Queens College has the following College Option requirements: Literature (LIT / 3cr), Language (LANG / 3cr), Science (SCI / 3cr), and Life and Physical Sciences OR Synthesis course (LPS or SYN / 3cr). Transfer students will be waived from SCI and LPS/SYN. See http://gened.qc.cuny.edu/pathways/ .			
Program Core		Program Core	
Art History 114: Survey of Asian Art	3	HUA191: The Art of Eastern Asia	3
East Asian Studies 251: Modern Japanese Fiction in Trans.	3	ELJ250: Japanese Literature in Translation	3
History 112: Introduction to East Asian History	3	SSH 110: East Asian Civilization and Societies	3
Japanese 101: Elementary Japanese I	4	ELJ101: Elementary Japanese 1	3
Japanese 102: Elementary Japanese II	4	ELJ102: Elementary Japanese 2	3
Japanese 203: Intermediate Japanese I	3	ELJ103: Intermediate Japanese 1	3
Japanese 204: Intermediate Japanese II	3	ELJ104: Intermediate Japanese 2	3

See the complete articulation agreement at <https://bit.ly/3XfAwzJ>

Hunter College Articulation Summary

How your credits will transfer to Queens College	Cr	LaGuardia CC	Cr
Pathways	12		
Pathways Required Core (12 credits) and Flexible Core (18 credits) are equivalent among all CUNY campuses. The Pathways courses should transfer to Hunter College as their Pathways courses.			
College Options	30	Pathways	30
Each four-year school has additional Pathways requirement called "College Option." Hunter College has the following College Option requirements: College Option at Hunter College is fourth-semester proficiency in a foreign language. Students who have already satisfied the foreign language proficiency will have to complete Hunter Focus: Concentrated Study instead.			
Program Core		Program Core	
Elective	3	HUA191: The Art of Eastern Asia	3
Elective	3	ELJ250: Japanese Literature in Translation	3
Hist 27700 East Asia to 1600	3	SSH 110: East Asian Civilization and Societies	3
JPN10100: Elementary Japanese I	3	ELJ101: Elementary Japanese 1	3
JPN10200: Elementary Japanese II	3	ELJ102: Elementary Japanese 2	3
JPN 20100: Intermediate Japanese I	3	ELJ103: Intermediate Japanese 1	3
JPN 20200: Intermediate Japanese II	3	ELJ104: Intermediate Japanese 2	3

See the complete articulation agreement at <https://bit.ly/3QrgpfG>