



Get Ahead in the Japan-Related Job Market



Japanese Classes Teach More Than Language Skills!

In communities across the United States, there are a wide variety of employment opportunities at Japan-related workplaces. Learning Japanese will help you stand out, but not just because of language skills: These organizations are looking for candidates who have Japan-style business "soft skills" and cultural familiarity, which are taught in Japanese courses! **In one recent survey*, 85% of respondents from a wide variety of fields agreed that learning Japanese contributes to professional development.**

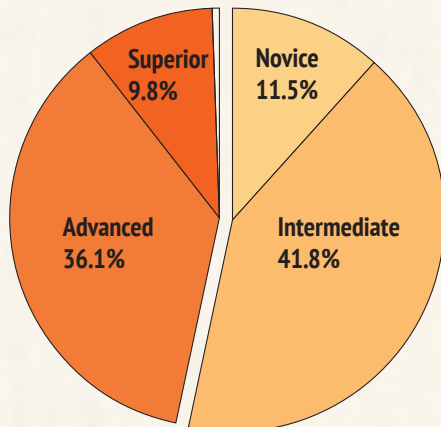
How "Fluent" Should You Be?

Surprisingly, not so much: More than half of surveyed professionals who had worked for Japanese organizations rated their language proficiency as only intermediate level or lower! And only a handful of surveyed employers said that Japanese language abilities were a "required essential skill"!

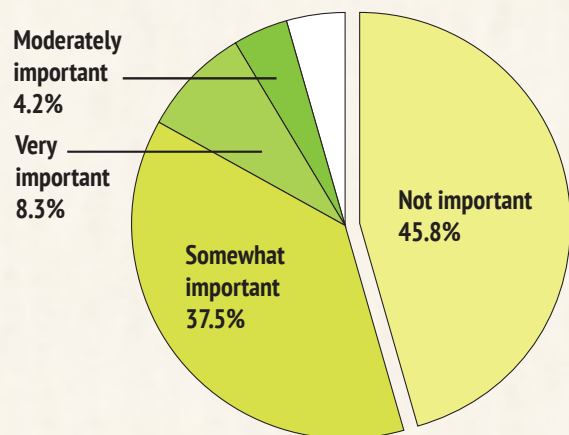
Check out the qualities most valued by surveyed Japanese employers!



Self-assessment of Japanese language proficiency level (answered by professionals who had worked for Japanese organizations)



Significance of Japanese language skills when hiring employees (answered by Japanese organizations)



Start your Japanese Journey!

All but one of the 24 Washington D.C.-based Japanese companies surveyed said that they offered employment to U.S. citizens and permanent residence holders. These opportunities were available in fields ranging from manufacturing and construction, to telecommunications and government!

85.2%

of professionals said learning Japanese contributes to one's professional development!



What do professionals say?



Learning Japanese can help a person stand out from the crowd of applicants.

–Tutor/Translator



Learning Japanese forces you to think differently and put things into different perspectives.

–TV Producer



Japan is a major world economy, and knowing Japanese can open many doors economically.

–Professor

The language and cultural knowledge that you can get in Japanese classes are great “add-on” skills to industry-specific training and experience. By adding Japanese courses to internship opportunities and work experiences like the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, you will be well positioned to compete!



*Date source: MAATJ/Nihongo Roundtable 2021

Answered by 24 DC-based Japanese companies/offices/organizations and 122 U.S. citizen/permanent resident professionals.



Survey:
Business Need
for Japanese
Language
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Impact of Learning
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