

# Thatcher Japanese Language Program

**Thatcher Language & Culture Programs** provide an experience that includes both academic and social components. Whether you choose to live in Thatcher Residence Hall or not, you will become part of a connected living and learning community where students across Thatcher Programs share interests and meet in community spaces for fun, music, games and food. It is an opportunity that offers students the chance to explore world languages and cultures. **If you are passionate and want to immerse yourself in an interactive cultural experience, then consider joining the Japanese Language Program.**

## Fall 2019

Thatcher Japanese Language Program includes a weekly two-hour, two credit course where students of a variety of proficiency levels practice and improve their conversational skills while learning about Japanese culture in a dynamic, relaxed, and student-centered classroom setting. An experienced graduate student from the Japanese Department teaches the course and organizes the academic, social and cultural activities.

### **Students in Thatcher Japanese Language Program will have the opportunity to:**

- Engage in a variety of cultural activities such as traditional Japanese games, and preparing Japanese meals
- Interact regularly with Japanese language native speakers for an authentic experience.
- Participate in structured cultural and social activities including a Community Night where students will socialize with students from the other Thatcher Language and Culture Programs.

The Japanese Language Program has become the center for Japanese-American exchange.

Both Japanese major and non-major students from a variety of disciplines participate in Thatcher Japanese Language Program. Some students become double majors, while other graduates of the program have the opportunity to receive an offer to work in Japan or in Japan-related business in the United States because of their language proficiency.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please make sure you have read the Thatcher Language & Culture Programs detailed description and then click here to start your application. If you have any questions, please contact: rap@acad.umass.edu

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>.**