

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

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Institution: Montana State University--Bozeman

Program Title: Japan Studies Option in History Degree

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

An important component of MSU—Bozeman's mission is to provide a collegial environment for faculty and students in which discovery and learning are closely integrated and highly valued. This option would build on existing strength in Japan Studies to offer both a degree option and an opportunity to interact with faculty that are in high demand by students.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

The proposed option would meet a growing demand by students for greater concentration in the field of Japan Studies, and the Japan Studies option would prepare MSU—Bozeman's graduates to succeed in Japan's business environment.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

Individuals and companies knowledgeable about Japan and its language have proven to be successful in that country and its important markets. This program will prepare our students for that success, which will in turn benefit the state.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

The qualitative impacts are indicated above. Quantitative impacts are impossible to estimate.

5. What is the program's planned capacity?

• Break-even point?	0	FTE students
• Enrollments / year?	7	
• Graduates / year?	5	
• MT jobs / year?	0	

6. Resource Allocation:

• Total program budget?	\$ 0
• Faculty FTE?	0
• Staff FTE?	0

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7. Does this program require new resources? Yes No

If yes, what is the amount? \$ _____

8. How will the campus fund the program?

Currently, the faculty required to oversee the History/Japan Studies option are in place, the courses have been approved and taught, funding for library material has been generated, and the Japanese exchange opportunities overseen by the Office of International Programs remain active. There is active discussion about the possibility for an additional tenure-track hire in Japanese cultural anthropology to begin fall of 2007. Although such a hire would enhance student opportunities in this option, the hire is neither necessary nor tied to the introduction of the proposed option.

9. If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.

n/a