East Asian Studies

The East Asian Studies program consists of faculty members with Asian specializations drawn from various departments, including Anthropology; Art History and Archaeology; East Asian Languages and Cultures; Film and Media Studies; History; and International and Area Studies. The program offers the Master of Arts (AM) in East Asian Studies, a broad-ranging study of East Asia across regional, historical, and disciplinary boundaries. Students may pursue language study in Chinese, Japanese or Korean.

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Degree Requirements

Master of Arts in East Asian Studies

The Master of Arts in East Asian Studies, which requires 30 units of graduate study, offers advanced interdisciplinary courses in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean studies in areas that include literature, history, anthropology, and art history. Students are required to take the core seminar, normally in their first semester, and at least two substantial writing seminars. Students must achieve at least third-year proficiency in one Asian language, with no more than 12 units of language applying to the degree. For the exit requirement, a student may choose to write a master's thesis or master's essay, or take the exit exam. The degree can be completed in three or four semesters; with the thesis option, the degree requires four semesters.

Joint Law and East Asian Studies Program

The Joint Law and East Asian Studies program, leading to a JD (https://bulletin.wustl.edu/law/juris-doctor) and an AM in East Asian Studies, offers the opportunity to develop an expertise in business practice within an East Asian context. Six units are cross-counted between the degrees; the program can be completed in six semesters. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

Joint Business and East Asian Studies Program

The Joint Business and East Asian Studies program, leading to an MBA from the Olin Business School (https://olin.wustl.edu) and an AM in East Asian Studies, offers the opportunity to develop an expertise in business practice within an East Asian context. Six units are cross-counted between the degrees; the program can be completed in six semesters. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.