East Asian Studies

The East Asian Studies program consists of faculty members with Asian specializations drawn from various departments. The program offers the AM in East Asian Studies, a broad-ranging study of East Asia across regional, historical, and disciplinary boundaries. Students may pursue language training 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 training 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. A student may choose to write a master's thesis or master's essay, or take the exit exam. At least three years of preparation in one Asian language is expected, with no more than 12 units of language applying to the degree. The degree can be completed in three or four semesters; with the thesis option, the degree requires four semesters to complete.

Joint Law and East Asian Studies Program

The Joint Law and East Asian Studies Program, leading to the Juris Doctor and Master of Arts degrees, combines the regular curriculum of the School of Law and special strengths in international legal studies with the broad offerings of the interdisciplinary East Asian Studies program. The joint program offers an integrated curriculum with courses that may be applied toward both degrees. Nine units are cross-counted between the degrees; the program can be completed in seven 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 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.