East Asian Languages and Cultures

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures offers programs in the study of East Asian languages, literatures and cultures, including both the traditional and modern periods of their development. Our majors in Chinese, Japanese and East Asian Studies offer a solid preparation for graduate study in these areas. They also open up career opportunities in diplomacy, business, law, journalism and higher education.

The majors in Chinese and Japanese require completion of a minimum of 27 upper-level units. Specific requirements include one 200-level foundational course, four years of modern language study, one course in the classical language, and two or more courses in the relevant literary tradition. The major in East Asian Studies requires completion of a minimum of 24 upper-level units. Specific requirements include two 200-level foundational courses, 24 upper-level units, three years of modern language study, and courses in three different cultural and disciplinary areas. In addition, all primary majors are required to fulfill the EALC capstone requirement as well as participate in the EALC Senior Symposium. Students who are double majoring must keep in mind that the Chinese and Japanese majors require 27 units of advanced course work unique to the major and that they will be required to participate in the EALC Senior Symposium.

The minors in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and East Asian Studies require the completion of 18 units, 9 of which must be at the 300-level or above. Specific requirements normally include the equivalent of two years of modern language study and one or more courses in the relevant literary tradition.

All 18 units must be unique to the minor.

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With a major in one of the East Asian languages and cultures (Chinese or Japanese) or in East Asian Studies, a student can expect to gain proficiency in one or more of these languages, study the area’s literary and cultural landmarks, and gain familiarity with Asian history and civilizations.

The Majors

For information on the major in East Asian Studies, see the East Asian Studies page of this Bulletin.

For information on the major in Chinese Language and Culture, see the Chinese page of this Bulletin.

For information on the major in Japanese Language and Culture, see the Japanese page of this Bulletin.

There is no major in Korean at this time.

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