East Asian Languages and Cultures

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) 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 Korean 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, Japanese and Korean require completion of 24 upper-level units. Specific requirements include one 200-level foundational course, at least two years of language study, and two or more courses in the relevant literary tradition. In addition, prime majors are required to fulfill the EALC capstone requirement and participate in the EALC Senior Symposium.

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

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With a major in one of the East Asian languages and cultures, a student can expect to gain some proficiency in Chinese, Japanese or Korean, to study the area's literary and cultural landmarks, and to gain familiarity with Asian history and civilizations.

The Majors

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Minors

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Courses

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