

East Asian Languages and Cultures

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Majors

The Major in East Asian Languages and Cultures

Total units required: 24 upper-level units (300 level or above)

Prerequisites:

- First and second levels of the chosen language: Modern Chinese, Japanese, or Korean (or the equivalent)
- One Civilization course: Chinese 227C Chinese Civilization, Japan 226C Japanese Civilization, or Korean 223C Korean Civilization

Requirements:

Eight courses for a minimum of 24 advanced units (300 level or above), including the following:

1. One 300-level EALC Topics course: EALC Seminar (EALC 3900; topic varies by semester)
2. Two courses focusing on the premodern era: one course to be chosen from Chinese 341 Early and Imperial Chinese Literature, Japan 332C Japanese Literature: Beginnings to 19th Century, or Korean 370 When Tigers Smoke: Songs and Stories from Traditional Korea
3. Two courses focusing on the modern era: one course to be chosen from Chinese 342 Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature, Japan 333C The Modern Voice in Japanese Literature, or Korean 352 Literature of Modern and Contemporary Korea
4. One approved 400-level Capstone course (prime majors)
 - a. Senior Capstone Experience (prime majors): Students may satisfy the capstone requirement in one of two ways, both of which require a presentation at the EALC Senior Symposium, which is held in the spring:
 - i. *Successful completion of a senior honors thesis.* This option, which also entitles the student to Latin Honors, requires a minimum of a 3.65 grade-point average. The thesis is researched and written over two semesters, for a total of 6 units; this requirement is in addition to the 24 upper-level units required for the major.

- ii. *Successful completion of the approved 400-level Capstone seminar course (to be taken during the senior year).* This course may be included among the required upper-level courses for the major. The Capstone course must be an EALC home-based course within the student's area of focus. Writing-intensive courses and language courses cannot fulfill the Capstone requirement.

5. Remaining upper-level courses are elective and chosen in consultation with the advisor.

Concentrations:

EALC majors have the option of concentrating their major requirements in one of three East Asian civilizations:

- Concentration in Chinese
- Concentration in Japanese
- Concentration in Korean

Concentrations recognize a student's proficiency in one language or their extensive knowledge of one East Asian civilization. EALC majors may concentrate in a civilization of East Asia by taking (as part of their major requirement) 15 upper-level units (five courses) in one of the three civilizations (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean) and submitting a concentration form to the department. Students may earn a concentration in one civilization. Upper-level language and study abroad courses may be used to complete a concentration. The successful completion of a concentration will appear on the student's transcript after graduation and may be particularly helpful for students interested in graduate or professional school. The concentration form submission deadline is March 1 of the senior year for spring graduates and November 1 of the senior year for fall graduates.

Additional Notes:

- With advisor approval, students may include two courses in a related area offered outside of the department among the 24 advanced units. (For example, a student may take one course in Film and Media Studies or Art History that focuses on East Asia.)
- Language courses require a grade of B- or better to continue to the next level. Students must also maintain a B- average in all required courses for the major. Those who do not meet this requirement may either repeat the course(s) in question or earn at least a B- in an approved equivalent course or courses (either during the summer or in a study abroad program).
- Courses for the major and minor may not be taken credit/no credit.
- Up to 6 units of credit may be applied toward the major from one semester abroad, and up to 12 units of credit may be applied from two semesters abroad.
- No more than 3 units of independent study may be counted toward the required 24 upper-level units.
- The 300-level EALC Seminar course and the 400-level Capstone course may also fulfill the premodern or modern requirement.