

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The East Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of China, Japan, Korea, and Tibet. Students in the East Asian option can study Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Tibetan language and linguistics; and explore Chinese ghost stories and classical Chinese literature or poetry; Korean cinema and pop culture; classical Japanese fiction; early modern comedic narratives, manga, anime, and counterculture.

To take advantage of the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures' many relationships with other departments and program units across campus, students may choose to double major or enhance their studies in Asian Languages and Cultures with one of the certificates offered at the university, such as the certificate in Global Health (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/entomology/global-health-certificate/>), the certificate in Health and the Humanities (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/integrated-liberal-studies/health-humanities-certificate/>), or those offered by the area studies centers: Center for East Asian Studies (<https://eastasia.wisc.edu/>); Center for South Asia (<https://southasia.wisc.edu/>); and Center for Southeast Asian Studies (<https://seasia.wisc.edu/>).

This major is interdisciplinary and offers a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the Asian Languages and Cultures advisor is especially important.

REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EAST ASIAN OPTION

32 credits to include the Introductory and Residence and Quality of Work requirements of the general major, plus these requirements specific to the East Asian Option:

GATEWAY COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4

REQUIRED LANGUAGE COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete Second Year East Asian Language Courses:		
ASIALANG 201 & ASIALANG 202	Third Semester Chinese and Fourth Semester Chinese	8
ASIALANG 203 & ASIALANG 204	Third Semester Japanese and Fourth Semester Japanese	8
ASIALANG 205 & ASIALANG 206	Third Semester Korean and Fourth Semester Korean	8

EAST ASIAN STUDIES COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from the following options (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4
ASIAN/SOC 334	Gender, Work, and Family in East Asia	3
ED POL 245	Education in East Asia	3
HISTORY/ INTL ST 332	East Asia & The U.S. Since 1899	3-4
POLI SCI 328	Politics of East and Southeast Asia	3-4

CHINESE STUDIES COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from the following options (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ HISTORY 103	Introduction to East Asian History: China	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	2-3
ASIAN 372	Topics in Chinese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ART HIST 307	From Tomb to Temple: Ancient Chinese Art and Religion in Transition	3
ART HIST 308	The Tastes of Scholars and Emperors: Chinese Art in the Later Periods	3
HISTORY 145	America and China, 1776-Today	3-4
HISTORY 336	Chinese Economic and Business History: From Silk to iPhones	3-4
HISTORY/ ASIAN 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4
LITTRANS 261	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation	3
POLI SCI 324	Chinese Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 346	China in World Politics	3-4

JAPANESE STUDIES COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from the following options (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ HISTORY 104	Introduction to East Asian History: Japan	3-4

ASIAN 253	Japanese Popular Culture	3
ASIAN 277	Kendo: Integration of Martial Arts and Liberal Arts	2
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 357	Japanese Ghost Stories	3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3
ASIAN 373	Topics in Japanese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 376	Manga	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 435	Teaching of Japanese	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4
ANTHRO 357	Introduction to the Anthropology of Japan	3-4
ART HIST 475	Japanese Ceramics and Allied Arts	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 478	Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan	3
LITTRANS 231	Manga	3
LITTRANS 232	Anime	3
LITTRANS 263	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 264	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 373	Topics in Japanese Literature	3

KOREAN STUDIES COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from the following options (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ HISTORY 108	Introduction to East Asian History - Korea	3-4
ASIAN 254	Korean Popular Culture	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/SOC 336	Social Change in Contemporary South Korea	3
ASIAN 374	Korean Cinema	3
HISTORY 340	Cultural History of Korea	3-4

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK IN THE MAJOR

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following options (at least 6 credits):		
ASIAN/ HISTORY 103	Introduction to East Asian History: China	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 104	Introduction to East Asian History: Japan	3-4

ASIAN/ HISTORY 108	Introduction to East Asian History - Korea	3-4
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
ASIAN 253	Japanese Popular Culture	3
ASIAN 254	Korean Popular Culture	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4
ASIAN/SOC 334	Gender, Work, and Family in East Asia	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/SOC 336	Social Change in Contemporary South Korea	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 357	Japanese Ghost Stories	3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	2-3
ASIAN 372	Topics in Chinese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 373	Topics in Japanese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 374	Korean Cinema	3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 435	Teaching of Japanese	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4
ANTHRO 357	Introduction to the Anthropology of Japan	3-4
ART HIST 307	From Tomb to Temple: Ancient Chinese Art and Religion in Transition	3

ART HIST 308	The Tastes of Scholars and Emperors: Chinese Art in the Later Periods	3
ART HIST/ ASIAN 379	Cities of Asia	3
ART HIST 411	Topics in Asian Art	3-4
ART HIST 475	Japanese Ceramics and Allied Arts	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 478	Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan	3
ED POL 245	Education in East Asia	3
GEOG 340	World Regions in Global Context	3
HISTORY 145	America and China, 1776-Today	3-4
HISTORY/ INTL ST 332	East Asia & The U.S. Since 1899	3-4
HISTORY 336	Chinese Economic and Business History: From Silk to iPhones	3-4
HISTORY 340	Cultural History of Korea	3-4
LITTRANS 231	Manga	3
LITTRANS 232	Anime	3
LITTRANS 261	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation	3
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LITTRANS 264	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 373	Topics in Japanese Literature	3
POLI SCI 324	Chinese Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 328	Politics of East and Southeast Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 346	China in World Politics	3-4

CAPSTONE COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one Course (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis (must be enrolled in the Honors in the Major)	3
ASIAN 692	Senior Thesis (must have permission from faculty)	3
ASIAN 699	Directed Study (must have permission from faculty)	2-3

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Communication A Course	4 Intermediate/Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	4
East Asian Language Course	4 Science Breadth	4
ASIAN 100	4 Ethnic Studies Course	3
Social Science Breadth	3 East Asian Language Course	4
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Intermediate/Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	4 Science Breadth	4
Science Breadth	4 East Asian Language Course	4
East Asian Language Course	4 Communication B	3
INTER-LS 210	1 Japanese Studies Elective	3
	INTL ST 275	1
13		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Science Breadth	3 INTER-LS 215	3
Chinese Studies Elective	3 Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	6
East Asian Studies Elective	3 Japanese Studies Elective	3
Korean Studies Elective	3 Literature Breadth	3
Literature Breadth	3 ASIAN 699 (optional, may be required for Honors in the Major)	3
15		18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Electives (Intermediate/ Advanced level)	8 ASIAN 630	3
ASIAN 681 or 691	3 Electives (Intermediate/ Advanced level)	6
Advanced East Asian Language Course (Optional)	3 ASIAN 682 or 692	3
	Advanced East Asian Language Course (Optional)	3
	14	15

Total Credits 120