

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Departmental Guidelines

To graduate with a degree in East Asian Studies requires a balance of courses in Chinese or Japanese language study with courses selected from a variety of departments, focusing on the East Asian region (normally defined as China, Japan, and Korea). Study in China or Japan for a semester or a year on an approved program is encouraged. Every senior major will research a topic chosen by the student in consultation with professors.

Mission Statement

To prepare students to meet the challenges of an increasingly interrelated world, the East Asian Studies Program promotes the teaching and research on fundamental concepts, developments and trends in history, language, art and culture in East Asia, and offers students opportunities to build their language competency in Chinese or Japanese. The program is committed to the development of students' comparative understanding of the traditional values of East Asia as well as the contemporary challenges it faces. Students can be expected to use their knowledge about East Asian culture and their proficiency in East Asian languages and literature in a broad range of professions, including business, government service, and academia.