East Asian Studies

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The Major Program

The East Asian Studies major gives the student an understanding of East Asia (especially China and Japan) through interdisciplinary studies that combine sustained work in an East Asian language with courses on East Asian countries.

The Program.

The program offers core courses in East Asian history, humanities, social sciences, and languages. After taking the core courses in conjunction with two or more of either Chinese or Japanese language study, the student chooses additional courses focusing on a special field of interest, such as anthropology or history.

Programs, Internships, and Career Alternatives.

To enhance the student’s understanding of East and Southeast Asia, our majors are strongly encouraged to participate in UC Davis’s Study Abroad Program, which gives students the opportunity to live and experience a culture within East or Southeast Asia. Our majors are also encouraged to work with UC Davis’s Internship and Career Center, which provides customized assistance for EAS students to obtain legal, legal, and business internships and careers. Likewise, the UC Davis Sacramento and UC Washington Centers arrange internships and run full-credit academic programs in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., with a wide range of opportunities for our majors. Graduating EAS majors are prepared for employment in government agencies (such as Foreign Service), state agencies, international or non-governmental organizations (NGO, such as the United Nations), foundations, journalism, teaching, counseling, and companies with international business interests, trade, or finance. The broad-based and multidisciplinary components of this major program enhance career prospects in jobs that demand knowledge of cultures of East and Southeast Asia.

A.B. Major Requirements:

- Humanities: Art History 163A, 163B, 163C, 164; Chinese 104, 106, 107, 109, 131, 132; Japanese 101, 102, 103; Religious Studies 172
- At least 12 additional units must be selected from the above courses, or from the following: Anthropology 110, 112, 117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 128; Chinese (any upper division course); Economics 115A, 115B, 116, 160A, 160B, 162; Geography 143; History 102G, 102H, 102N; Japanese (any upper division course); Linguistics 100; Political Science 127, 133, 138, 145, 148B; Sociology 118, 141, 170, 183 for other appropriate courses, including individual and group study courses (198, 199), as approved by the Committee in charge.
- Total Units for the Major: 77-78

Major Adviser.

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Minor Program Requirements:

Courses taken for the minor are expected to reflect a predominant interest in East Asia or Southeast Asia. All upper division courses counting towards the East Asian Studies major may be used to fulfill the requirements for the minor program, as long as they deal predominantly with East Asia or Southeast Asia.

UNITS

East Asian Studies: 22

History 98 and 16 upper division units, of which at least three must be in courses focusing on China; OR History 98 and 16 upper division units, of which at least 12 must be in courses focusing on Japan: 22

Courses in East Asian Studies:

The following courses count towards the major and are open to students throughout the campus. See departmental lists for course descriptions.

Anthropology

148A. Culture and Political Economy in Contemporary China
149B. Contemporary Japanese Society

Art History

1D. Asian Art
163A. Chinese Art
163B. Chinese Painting
163C. Painting in the People’s Republic of China
164. The Arts of Japan

Chinese

All courses

Comparative Literature

53A. Literature of China and Japan
153. The Forms of Asian Literature

Economics

171. Economy of East Asia

History

9A. History of East Asian Civilization (China)
9B. History of East Asian Civilization (Japan)
102G. Undergraduate Proseminar: China to 1800
102H. Undergraduate Proseminar: China since 1800
102N. Undergraduate Proseminar: Japan
191A. Classical China
191B. High Imperial China
191C. Late Imperial China
191D. Nineteenth-Century China
191E. The Chinese Revolution
191F. History of the People’s Republic of China, 1949 to the Present

Religious Studies

75. Chinese Philosophy: An Introduction
170. Introduction to Buddhism
172. Ch’ An (Zen) Buddhism

Sociology

147. Sociological Perspectives on East Asia
188. Social Stratification in China

Courses in East Asian Studies (EAS)

Lower Division

88. Korean Society: Late 19th Century to the Present (4)
Lecture/discussion—4 hours. Modern Korean society (late 19th Century to contemporary period), emphasizing the perseverance and transformations of traditional social and cultural patterns. GE credit: ArtHum, Div, Wrt.—II. Kim

Upper Division

113. Cinema and Society in China (4)
Lecture—3 hours, discussion—1 hour. Prerequisite: one course from History 190C, 193, or consent of instructor. Knowledge of Chinese not required. Viewing and analysis of one Chinese film with English subtitles each week, followed by discussion and short essays. Cinematic technique, social values and film topics from 1930s to today. Not open for credit to students who have completed Chinese 113. GE credit: ArtHum, Div, Wrt.—II. Kim

190. East Asian Studies Seminar (4)
Seminar—3 hours; term paper. Prerequisite: upper division standing and consent of instructor. Work experience in the East Asian Studies field, with analytical term paper on a topic approved by the instructor. (P/NP grading only.)

190H. Special Study for Honors Students (1-5)
Independent study—1-5 hours. Prerequisite: open only to majors of senior standing who qualify for honors program. Guided research, under the direction of a faculty member, leading to a senior honors thesis on a topic in East Asian Studies culture, society, or language. (P/NP grading only.)

196A-196B. Honors Seminar (4-4)
Seminar—2 hours; conference—2 hours. Prerequisite: a GPA of 3.500 in the major, senior standing, and consent of instructor. A two-quarter research project culminating in an Honors thesis. A grade of B or higher must be earned to qualify the student for honors distinction in graduation. (Deferred grading only, pending completion of sequence.)

198. Directed Group Study (1-5)
Prerequisite: consent of instructor. (P/NP grading only.)