

EAST ASIAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

The East Asian Studies major gives the student an understanding of East Asia and Southeast Asia through interdisciplinary studies, including courses on East Asian countries within the humanities and social sciences. Students are encouraged to pursue study abroad opportunities, as well as other guided studies pertaining to East and Southeast Asia.

The Program

The program offers core courses in East Asian humanities and social sciences, including history, comparative literature, languages, philosophy and religion, political science, sociology, as well as courses focused on Southeast Asia. Science courses that closely engage the student of East and/or Southeast Asia are also eligible to count towards the major.

Along with taking the lower division and upper division depth subject courses; the student may choose additional courses that concentrate on a special field of interest, such as anthropology or history, or special courses such as honor thesis, independent study, internships, and study abroad.

Programs, Internships, & 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 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 legislative, legal, and business internships and careers. Likewise, the UC Davis Sacramento and 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 the cultures of East and Southeast Asia.

Major Advisors

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The major requirements below are in addition to meeting University Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/university-degree-requirements/>) & College Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/college-degree-requirements/>); unless otherwise noted. The minimum number of units required for the East Asian Studies Bachelor of Arts is 61.

Code	Title	Units
Preparatory Subject Matter		
Choose two:		8
HIS 009A	History of East Asian Civilization	
HIS 009B	History of East Asian Civilization	

HIS 009C/EAS 088 Korean Culture & Society: From Ancient Three Kingdoms to the Global K-Pop		
Choose one:		3-4
AHI 001D	Arts of Asia	
or AHI 001DY DISCONTINUED FOR WINTER 2024 **		
CHN 007	Chinese Business Culture	
CHN 010	Modern Chinese Literature (In English)	
CHN 011	Great Books of China (in English)	
COM 053A	Literature of East Asia	
JPN 010	Masterworks of Japanese Literature (in English)	
JPN 025	Japanese Language & Culture (in English)	
JPN/CHN 050	Introduction to the Literature of China & Japan	
RST 075	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy	
Choose two (or the equivalent) of Chinese, Japanese, or other East Asian language study:		
Choose a series:		10
CHN 001 & CHN 002	Elementary Chinese and Elementary Chinese	
JPN 001 & JPN 002	Elementary Japanese and Elementary Japanese	
Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal		21-22
Depth Subject Matter		
Choose 24 units:		24
ANT 134	Buddhism in Global Culture	
ANT 137	Meditation & Culture	
ANT 143A	Ethnology of Southeast Asia	
ANT 148A	Culture & Political Economy in Contemporary China	
AHI 157/RST 171	Buddhist Art	
AHI 163A	Early Chinese Art	
AHI 163B	Chinese Painting	
AHI 163C	Early Modern Chinese Painting	
AHI 163D	Art from China 1900 to the Present	
AHI 164	The Arts of Japan	
AHI 190F	Undergraduate Seminar in Art History: Chinese	
AHI 190G	Undergraduate Seminar in Art History: Japanese	
CHN 100A/RST 175A	Daoist Traditions	
CHN 100B	Confucian Traditions	
CHN 101	Chinese Film	
CHN 103	Modern Chinese Drama	
CHN 104	Modern Chinese Fiction (in English)	
CHN 105	Western Influences on 20th-Century Chinese Literature (in English)	
CHN 106	Chinese Poetry (in English)	
CHN 107	Traditional Chinese Fiction (in English)	
CHN/JPN 108	Poetry of China & Japan (in English)	
CHN 109A	Topics in Chinese Literature: Crime & Punishment	

CHN 109C	Topics in Chinese Literature: Women Writers (in English)	JPN 101	Japanese Literature in Translation: The Early Period
CHN 109D	Topics in Chinese Literature: The Knight-Errent (in English)	JPN 102	Japanese Literature in Translation: The Middle Period
CHN 109E	Topics in Chinese Literature: The City in Fiction (in English)	JPN 103	Japanese Literature in Translation: The Modern Period
CHN 109G	Topics in Chinese Literature: The Literature of 20th-Century Taiwan (in English)	JPN 104	Modern Japanese Literature: War & Revolution
CHN 109H	Topics in Chinese Literature: Popular Literature (in English)	JPN 105	Modern Japanese Literature: Hero & Anti-Hero
CHN 109I	Topics in Chinese Literature: Scholar & The Courtesan (in English)	JPN 106	Japanese Culture Through Film
CHN 110	Great Writers of China: Texts & Context (in English)	JPN 107	Modern Japanese Autobiographies (in English)
CRD 153A	International Community Development: Asia	JPN/CHN 108	Poetry of China & Japan (in English)
COM 110	Hong Kong Cinema	JPN 109	Japanese Popular Culture
COM 112	Japanese Cinema	JPN 152	Traditional Japanese Drama
COM 153	The Forms of Asian Literature	JPN 153	Love, Sexuality & the Family in Modern Japanese Literature
CTS 148B/ JPN 156	Japanese Literature on Film	JPN 154	Tourism & Heritage in Japan
DES 142A	World Textiles: Eastern Hemisphere	JPN 155	Introduction to Japanese Folklore
DRA 144A	Introduction to Traditional Chinese Embodied Culture	JPN 156/ CTS 148B	Japanese Literature on Film
DRA 144B	Traditional Chinese Physical Culture	JPN 157	Japanese Women Writers
DRA 144C	Daoist Philosophy in Traditional Chinese Movement Culture	JPN 158	The Supernatural in Japan
DRA 154	Asian Theatre & Drama: Contexts & Forms	JPN 159	The "Other" in Modern Japanese Literature & Culture
EAS 113	Cinema & Society in China	JPN 160	The Culture of Japanese Food
EAS 190	East Asian Studies Seminar	JPN 162	Japan Travelogue: Ethnographic Writing on Japanese Culture & People
ECN 171	Economy of East Asia	JPN 165	Sexuality & Love in Premodern Japanese Literature
HIS 102G	Undergraduate Proseminar in History: China to 1800	MUS 129C	Musics of East & Southeast Asia
HIS 102H	Undergraduate Proseminar in History: China Since 1800	POL 148B	Government & Politics in East Asia: Japan
HIS 102N	Undergraduate Proseminar in History: Japan	RST 165	Islam in Asia
HIS 191A	Classical China	RST 170	(Discontinued for fall 2022) **
HIS 191B	High Imperial China	RST 171/AHI 157	Buddhist Art
HIS 191C	Late Imperial China	RST 172	Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism
HIS 191D	19th-Century China: The Empire Confronts the West	RST 175A/ CHN 100A	Daoist Traditions
HIS 191E	The Chinese Revolution	SOC 145A	Sociology of Third World Development
HIS 191F	History of the People's Republic of China	SOC 147	Sociological Perspectives on East Asia
HIS 191G	Special Topics in Chinese History to 1800	SOC 188	Markets, Culture & Inequality in China
HIS 191H	Special Topics in Chinese History after 1800	Depth Subject Matter Subtotal	24
HIS 191J	Sex & Society in Modern Chinese History	Elective Requirement	
HIS 194A	Aristocratic & Feudal Japan	Choose 16 units:	16
HIS 194B	Early Modern Japan	Any EAS special course ¹ ; any CHN or JPN upper division course; any Depth Subject Matter course; any upper division EAP course focusing on East Asia or Southeast Asia.	
HIS 194C	Modern Japan	Elective Requirement Subtotal	16
HIS 194D	Business & Labor in Modern Japan	Total Units	61-62
HIS 194E	Education & Technology in Modern Japan		
HIS 195B	History of Modern Korea		
HIS 195C	A History of Vietnam		

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Approved courses: EAS 190, EAS 192, EAS 194H, EAS 196A-EAS 196B, EAS 198—maximum 12 units from this list

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.