EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations (EALC) offers a BA program in East Asian studies that introduces students to the traditional and modern civilizations of China, Japan, and Korea, and provides them with the opportunity to achieve a basic reading and speaking knowledge of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. This program is interdisciplinary and students may take relevant courses in both the humanities and the social sciences.

Students in other fields of study may also complete a minor in EALC. Information follows the description of the major.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must take 13 courses toward an EALC major, with the possibility of placing out of three language credits. No courses may be double-counted toward general education requirements or minors requirements.

Students who plan to major in EALC are strongly encouraged (but not required) to meet the general education requirement in civilization studies by taking EALC 10800-10900-11000-15400 Introduction to the Civilizations of East Asia I-II-III-IV. This sequence is cross-listed with HIST 15100-15200-15300-15400 Introduction to the Civilizations of East Asia I-II-III-IV.

All EALC majors are required to take a three-quarter, second-year sequence in East Asian languages and to take EALC 27105 Concentrator’s Seminar: Issues in East Asian Civilization, usually offered in the Winter Quarter.

To graduate with an EALC major, students must demonstrate competency in a primary East Asian language that is equivalent to at least two years of study through course work or petition. A beginning language sequence in the primary East Asian language cannot be counted as credit toward the major.

Three courses toward the major may be either an additional year of the primary East Asian language or a year of a secondary East Asian language. This language credit must be earned by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers. Students may use up to a total of six language courses to count toward their major and may not place out of more than three language credits: No matter the language proficiency, all students must take at least ten courses toward the major. A minimum of three of these courses should be in the same discipline (e.g., history, literature, art history). A maximum of six approved courses taken while studying abroad may be counted toward program requirements by petition.

Students wishing to meet their general education requirement with a sequence other than East Asian Civ, may take any East Asian Civ sequence course as a regular “content” course and count it toward the major.
Before declaring their major in EALC, students must meet with the director of undergraduate studies (typically before the end of their second year) to discuss their areas of interest.

Students in other fields of study may also complete a minor in EALC. Information follows the description of the major.

**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>Three courses in a second-year East Asian language *</td>
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<td>EALC 27105 Concentrator’s Seminar: Issues in East Asian Civilization</td>
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<td>Nine courses related to East Asia (three of which may be a further year of the same language, or a year of a second East Asian language, and three of which should be in one discipline)</td>
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*Or credit for the equivalent as determined by petition.

**BACHELOR’S THESIS AND HONORS**

Students who have maintained an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher are eligible for honors. Students who do not wish to be considered for honors are not required to submit a bachelor’s thesis for graduation. However, all students are eligible to write a bachelor’s thesis upon submitting an acceptable proposal to the department. Students typically choose an adviser for their BA project in Spring Quarter of their third year. The project must be approved by both the adviser and the director of undergraduate studies early in the student’s fourth year, typically by third week of Autumn Quarter. Interested students should consult the director of undergraduate studies for details concerning the proposal.

Students may not use the optional BA paper in this major to meet the BA paper or project requirement in another major. Students who wish to discuss an exception to this policy should consult the director of undergraduate studies before the end of their third year. Consent to use a single paper or project requires the approval of both program chairs on a form available from the College adviser. To be eligible for honors, students must enroll in Autumn and Winter Quarters of EALC 29500-29600 Senior Thesis Tutorial I-II. EALC 29500-29600 Senior Thesis Tutorial I-II may count as one credit toward the major. The BA paper must be substantially complete by the end of Winter Quarter. The BA paper may draw on material from other classes in the major; however, to receive credit for the Senior Thesis Tutorial and to be considered for honors, the student must write a paper that represents significant additional work. The BA paper is read by two members of the department and, if judged to be of A quality, the student is recommended for graduation with honors. Length and scope of the project should be agreed upon in consultation with the adviser. Use of original language material is desirable but not required.

**GRADING**

Students must receive quality grades in all courses taken to meet requirements in the major.
MINOR PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS

Students in other fields of study may complete a minor in EALC. The minor in EALC requires a total of seven courses chosen in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies. No more than three of these courses may be in an East Asian language (neither first-year modern language courses nor credit by petition may be used for this language option). Students who plan to pursue an EALC minor are encouraged to take EALC 10800-10900-11000-15400 Introduction to the Civilizations of East Asia I-II-III-IV to meet the general education requirement in civilization studies. EALC minors are not required to take EALC 27105.

Students who elect the minor program in EALC must meet with the director of undergraduate studies before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor by submitting a form obtained from their College adviser. Students choose courses in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies. The director’s approval for the minor program should be submitted to the student’s College adviser by the deadline above on a form obtained from the adviser.

Courses in the minor (1) may not be double counted with the student’s major(s) or with other minors and (2) may not be counted toward general education requirements. Courses in the minor must be taken for quality grades, and more than half of the requirements for the minor must be met by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers.