Learning Objectives

The East Asian Area Studies (EAAS) major offers an interdisciplinary approach to learning about East Asia, combining language study with history, social sciences and the humanities. EAAS is a complementary double major; students have successfully combined their study of East Asia with majors in biology, business, communication, film, international relations, and more.

The EAAS major also provides a strong foundation for students pursuing additional training in graduate or professional programs as well as those seeking careers in public service, journalism, international business and law, government, and the private sector.

EAAS majors are encouraged to learn about East Asia in East Asia. In addition to Overseas Studies semester and year-long study abroad opportunities, EASC offers funding for students—EAAS majors and non-majors alike—to participate in the summer Global East Asia programs in China, Japan or Korea.

Undergraduates who major in EAAS will have:

- Knowledge of and ability to apply methods of critical and social analysis from anthropology, sociology, international relations, political science, economics, literature, arts, and/or history to the study of East Asia.

- Ability to apply interdisciplinary methods to the analysis of East Asian cultures, polities, and societies.
- Ability to analyze both primary and secondary source readings by identifying the main argument or thought, placing it in context, and interpreting it critically based on the logic and evidence presented.

- Ability to analyze the interplay between human action and institutions and organizations in East Asia, either historically or in the contemporary world.

- Knowledge of the key facets of East Asia's place in our globalized world and the ability to analyze the influence of globalization in East Asia.

- Ability to identify strategies and choices East Asia countries have made in pursuing economic, political, and social development.

- Fourth semester or better competence in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language.