EAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES

This interdisciplinary major combines language study with history, social sciences, and the humanities. The program is appropriate for students with a broad interest in East Asia, especially China, Japan, and Korea. This is an attractive major for students who want to make East Asia part of their personal and professional futures.

Opportunities for Students

- **Study Abroad:** Learn about the cultures you’ll be studying firsthand by living in China, Japan, Taiwan, or South Korea.

- **East Asian Visual Culture Series:** This yearly festival sponsors lectures, workshops, and conferences related to East Asian film, media, and pop culture. Students can meet industry experts, filmmakers, scholars, and the wider community.

- **East Asian Studies Center:** This national resource center provides students with access to one of the country’s largest East Asian libraries, as well as a collection of film archives and museums.

- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships:** Students are eligible for these awards given to U.S. citizens or permanent residents for intermediate or advanced level study of Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, or Korean in the summer or academic year.

Notable Courses

- **AHIS 381: Visual Culture of Asia** — Exploration of one or more major traditions of visual culture in Asia through cross-cultural, interdisciplinary perspectives.

- **EASC 150: East Asian Societies** — Main patterns of change in modern China, Japan, and Korea; historical framework and the insights of geography, economics, political science, and other disciplines.

- **EALC 412: Business Chinese** — Practice in the basic vocabulary and idioms of foreign trade and other commercial transactions in Mandarin.

- **HP 450: Traditional Eastern Medicine and Modern Health** — Overview of traditional Eastern approaches toward health and disease; relevance to modern health issues, emphasizing a comparison between traditional Chinese and modern Western medicine.
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

Language Requirement (proficiency up to one of the following)*
- EALC 206: Chinese IV
- EALC 217: Korean IV
- EALC 222: Japanese IV

Lower Division Requirements*
- EALC 110: East Asian Humanities — The Great Tradition
- EASC 150: East Asian Societies

Upper Division Requirements*
- Seven (7) 300/400-level approved courses, including the following:
  - One 300/400-level course in the Department of History
  - Select two:
    - One 300/400-level China-specific course
    - One 300/400-level Japan-specific course
    - One 300/400-level Korea-specific course

Upper Division Courses**
- EALC 344: Korean Culture from Ancient to Modern Times
- EALC 360: Performing Japan: Bodies, Media, and Textuality
- EALC 375: Women and Gender in China: Past and Present
- EALC 412: Business Chinese
- AHIS 381: Visual Culture of Asia
- AHIS 387: Later Japanese Art
- HIST 333: Korea — The Modern Transformation
- HIST 334: History of the Samurai
- HIST 366: The People’s Republic of China
- IR 276: U.S.-Japan Encounter — War, Trade, and Culture
- IR 442: Japanese Foreign Policy
- REL 332: Religions of Japan
- THTR 406: Theatre on the Edge

*This information is offered as a partial overview only. For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or [http://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter/majorminor/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter/majorminor/). Updated as of August 2015.

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