

EAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES

This interdisciplinary major combines language study with history, social sciences, and the humanities. The program is ideal for students who seek an understanding of the key facets of East Asia's place in our globalized world and the ability to analyze the influence of globalization in China, Japan, and Korea. This is an attractive major for students who want to make East Asia a part of their personal and professional futures.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Language courses:

- Proficiency up to one of the following: Chinese IV, Japanese IV, or Korean IV

Two introductory courses:

- East Asian Societies
- East Asian Humanities: The Great Tradition

Seven upper-division courses:

- One course in the Department of History
- Select courses from at least two different East Asian countries: China, Japan, or Korea
- Select courses from at least three different departments at USC

Examples of upper-division courses:

- Performing Japan: Bodies, Media, and Textuality
- Korean Culture from Ancient to Modern Times
- Politics in the People's Republic of China
- Topics in Korean Visual and Cultural Studies
- History of the Samurai
- Material Culture of the Silk Road
- International Relations of the Pacific Rim
- Religions of Japan
- China in International Affairs

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Study Abroad: Students can spend a semester or a year taking language and area studies courses in China/Taiwan, Japan, or Korea. Some programs include opportunities for research or internships. All students are encouraged to integrate study abroad into their overall USC experience.

East Asian Studies Center: This Center provides leadership, coordination, and support for East Asian studies at USC and organizes events throughout the year such as film screenings, speaker series, and the East Asia Career Panel and other professionalization workshops.

Global East Asia Maymester Program: This four week upper-division Maymester course sends students to China and Japan to travel and conduct research abroad with a USC faculty. Students from all majors, schools, and language backgrounds are eligible to apply and experience East Asia in a unique way.

Korean Studies Institute Undergraduate Fellows Program: Selected students conduct research on Korean or Korean-American issues, participate in monthly research workshops, and present their work at the annual USC-Michigan Korean Studies Undergraduate Exchange conference.