

# 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:

- Dreams and Madness: The Art of Japan's Golden Age of Animation
- Korean Culture from Ancient to Modern Times
- Topics in Chinese Photography
- Topics in Korean Visual and Cultural Studies
- Defeat and Occupation in Modern Japan
- Science Fiction in East Asia
- International Relations of the Pacific Rim
- Zen and Daoism in Asian Literature
- 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 Japan and Korea to travel and conduct research abroad with 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.

**Student Journal of Asian Studies @ USC:** The USC Student Journal for Asian Studies (SJAS@USC) is a student-run journal created to publish undergraduate and graduate work in various disciplines surrounding Asian Studies from around the world. Their goal is to establish an interdisciplinary atmosphere for student researchers on the rise to share their works and contribute to scholarship in Asian Studies.