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EAS Course Highlights 2023-2024

Fall Semester

EAS 216	Writing and Culture of Premodern Korea
EAS 225	Japanese Society and Culture
HUM/EAS 233	East Asian Humanities I: The Classical Foundations
TRA/EAS 304	Translating East Asia
HIS/EAS 472	Medicine and Society in China: Past and Present

Spring Semester

EAS 219	Japanese Literature to 1800: The Major Texts
EAS 232	Introduction to Chinese Literature
HUM/EAS 234	East Asian Humanities II: Traditions and Transformations

Cross-disciplinary

EAS coursework crosses boundaries
into literature, history, anthropology,
media, and cultural studies

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EAST ASIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT MAJORS

PREREQUISITES

One year in an East Asian Language (Chinese, Japanese, Korean)

One 200-level or higher EAS course

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Proficiency through the third year (at least two courses at or above 300-level) in one East Asian language.

REQUIREMENTS

Eight departmental courses, which must satisfy the following requirements:

Six EAS-prefix courses including:

- Junior Seminar (EAS 300) as an introductory methods survey course
- At least one course on premodern East Asia
- Two of the following transnational courses:
 - History of East Asia to 1800 (HIS/EAS 207)
 - East Asia since 1800 (HIS/EAS 208)
 - East Asian Humanities I (HUM/EAS/COM 233)
 - East Asian Humanities II (HUM/EAS/COM 234)
 - Contemporary East Asia (EAS 229)

Two additional courses, which may be:

- EAS courses including cross listed courses
- Cognate courses approved by the DUS
- Language courses at or above the 300 level (after the three-year proficiency is fulfilled)
- Any second East Asian language course

A single course may not be used to satisfy two requirements, with the exception of HIS 207 and HUM 233. Either course may be used to satisfy both the premodern and transnational requirements, however, the course will only count towards one of the six required EAS-prefix departmentals.

INDEPENDENT WORK

Independent work consists of two junior papers (one in the fall and one in the spring) and the senior thesis (including an oral defense).

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CHINESE, JAPANESE, & KOREAN LANGUAGE MINORS

REQUIREMENTS

Six language courses, two or more of which must be beyond the second-year level. PIB, PII, and PIK count as the equivalent of one year of language instruction towards the minor.

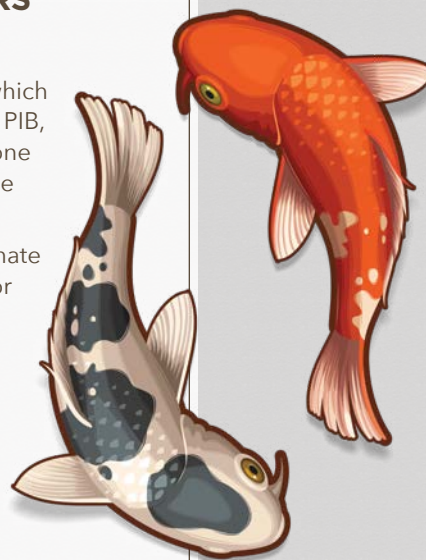
One or more East Asian studies or cognate courses in linguistics, religion, history, or anthropology.

A substantial research paper (20-25 pages), based at least in part on Chinese, Japanese, or Korean sources dealing with aspects of East Asia, with a topic in the humanities and social sciences.

The paper can be an independent work, a junior paper, or a senior thesis. If such a junior paper or senior thesis is written for another department, at least half of the work must be on an East Asia topic. The use of East Asian language sources is required.

FULL DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION

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I believe that the study of East Asia is tantamount to an exercise in difference. It helps us familiarize ourselves with the unfamiliar and defamiliarize the familiar. It helps us accept difference, without eliminating, domesticating, or exoticizing it. It helps us understand that we are other.

Professor Federico Marcon
Early-Modern Japanese History



Nothing is so new as the world you do not know. The study of East Asian history, languages and cultures reveals empires, beliefs and societies that transcend your imagination.

Professor Thomas Conlan
Medieval Japanese History

EAST ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Administered by the Program in East Asian Studies

REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete seven one-term courses in East Asian Studies to earn the minor. At least two of these must be language courses at the second-year level or higher; no more than four of the seven courses may be language courses. PIB, PII and PIK count as the equivalent of one year of language instruction towards the minor.

Completion of at least one 200-level East Asian Studies content course is required. All content and language courses cross-listed in the EAS Department can count towards minor. Any other courses, including those abroad, need to be approved by the program director.

A substantial research paper, which may be a senior thesis, a junior paper, or independent written work (min. 20 pages) on an East Asian topic. The use of East Asian language sources is strongly encouraged.

FULL DESCRIPTION AND ELIGIBILITY

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