Minor in East Asian Language

Why study East Asian languages and cultures?

China, Japan, and Korea are three of the oldest continuous civilizations in the world, offering rich literary and philosophical traditions, vibrant contemporary cultures, and cutting-edge technological innovation. Mainland China and Japan are among the world's largest economies after the United States and, along with South Korea and Taiwan, are key U.S. trading partners. Thousands of US companies do business with East Asia. Economic, political and cultural connections between the US and East Asia are of critical significance for the US and will continue to be so throughout the 21st century.

With an EALC B.A., students can pursue a range of careers in business, government, education, nonprofit organizations, to name a few, or continue on to graduate study in East Asian languages and cultures. Many students pair an EALC major or minor with a second major to widen their skill-set and increase their competitiveness as they enter the global marketplace. Some students choose EALC related courses to connect with their heritage or to fulfill personal interests.

Requirements for the Minor

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Courses		
CHIN 104	Elementary Chinese I	
or JPN 104	Elementary Japanese I	
or KOR 104	Elementary Korean I	
CHIN 108	Elementary Chinese II	
or JPN 108	Elementary Japanese II	
or KOR 108	Elementary Korean II	
CHIN 204	Intermediate Chinese I	
or JPN 204	Intermediate Japanese I	
or KOR 204	Intermediate Korean I	
Minor Requirements		
CHIN 208	Intermediate Chinese II	5
or JPN 208	Intermediate Japanese II	
or KOR 208	Intermediate Korean II	
CHIN 504	Advanced Modern Chinese I	5
or JPN 504	Advanced Modern Japanese I	
or KOR 504	Advanced Modern Korean I	
Elective Courses		**8-9**
Satisfied by one of the following options		
Option 1:		
CHIN 508	Advanced Modern Chinese II	
or JPN 508	Advanced Modern Japanese II	
or KOR 508	Advanced Modern Korean II	
One EALC course at the 300-level or above		
Option 2:		
Three EALC courses at the 300-level or above.		
Total Hours		**18-19**

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours
Satisfied by 18-19 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by 13-14 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/).