East Asian Studies

Founded in 1959, the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Kansas is the only East Asian resource center in the Great Plains region. CEAS supports East Asian language instruction and promotes East Asian studies across the curriculum. Seventy affiliated faculty members teach in 29 departments and 10 professional schools at KU, offering over 250 courses fully or partially devoted to East Asia.

Courses

CEAS 200. Topics in East Asian Studies: _____. 1-3 Hours. U.
An introductory interdisciplinary topics course addressing contemporary issues related to one or more East Asian countries. Format and content will vary. Does not count toward the EALC major or minor requirements unless otherwise indicated by EALC in the Schedule of Classes. LEC.

CEAS 500. Seminar in East Asian Studies: _____. 1-3 Hours. U.
An interdisciplinary seminar addressing contemporary issues related to one or more East Asian countries. Prerequisites to be determined by instructor(s) on the basis of course content. Does not count toward the EALC major or minor requirements unless otherwise indicated by EALC in the Schedule of Classes. LEC.

CEAS 610. Minorities in Japan. 3 Hours. S.
This course offers a sociological and historical exploration of Japan’s minorities: the Ainu, Okinawans, Burakumin, and Zainichi Koreans who are often excluded from narratives of Japanese history. Exclusion of the minority issue not only overlooks the existence of minority populations in Japan but also contributes to misconceptions of Japan as a homogeneous country. The course objective is to challenge the conventional master narrative of racial and cultural homogeneity. We shed light on Japan's minorities, their historical experiences, current struggles, and future challenges. Prerequisite: An introductory East Asian Studies course or consent of instructor. LEC.

CEAS 700. Contemporary East Asia. 3 Hours.
This graduate seminar explores rapidly changing societies in contemporary East Asia, particularly China, Japan, and Korea. The course provides a critical overview of East Asia and its diversity and complexity using cross-cultural perspectives and interdisciplinary social science approaches, and situates East Asian societies in the context of globalization. LEC.

CEAS 802. Research Seminar. 3 Hours.
Students will work with the instructor and, when appropriate, an additional faculty advisor to design, research and write up a research paper on an East Asian topic of their choosing. Students enrolling in this course are expected to have taken a social science research methods class prior to taking this course and to apply those methods to the research process. A core course for the MA in Contemporary East Asian Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. SEM.