

# Graduate Certificate in East Asian Cultures

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Students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in East Asian Cultures will specialize in one of three areas of East Asia, and have the flexibility to study the country through the scope of other disciplines (Art History, Business, Film, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Religious Studies, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies). Understanding the culture of China, Japan, or Korea is increasingly important in more and more fields - from environmental studies to supply chain management, from international finance to military affairs. This certificate enables students to document valuable expertise gained from the many faculty members at KU who conduct research and teach about East Asia by choosing one of the following tracks:

- China Studies
- Japan Studies
- Korea Studies

Please contact Graduate Program Coordinator, Aley Pennington, at [aleypennington@ku.edu](mailto:aleypennington@ku.edu) for more information.

## Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<https://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

For more information on admission to a graduate certificate program at KU, see the policy on Admission to Graduate Study (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/east-asian-languages-cultures/ma/#admissiontext>).

Applicants must submit the following materials for the East Asian Cultures Certificate:

1. A C.V. or Resume
2. A personal statement declaring your interest in East Asian Cultures and its relationship to your graduate course of study and/or career objectives.
3. 2 letters of recommendation from your graduate degree program.
- 4.. A KU Advising report or an official transcript.

The East Asian Languages & Cultures Department offers an East Asian Cultures certificate for specialized study through three different tracks:

- China Studies
- Japan Studies
- Korea Studies

Students are required to complete 12 credits of graduate-level coursework to successfully earn an East Asian Cultures certificate in the area of concentration.

### Required Course:

Code	Title	Hours
EALC 704	Contemporary East Asia	3

**Elective Courses:** In consultation with the department's Director of Graduate Studies, students must choose three additional 3-credit courses from either:

- East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) graduate-level courses
- Approved additional Elective courses (see the EALC Graduate Student Handbook for current listing)

\*One language course at 4<sup>th</sup> year level or above (500+) may fulfill one of the three elective course requirements

The following restrictions apply to the choice of electives:

- Two courses must concentrate on the country the student is studying.
- The third elective course may either concentrate on the country of study, OR on East Asia in general.