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The J.D./M.A. EALC program combines the Juris Doctor program offered by the School of Law and the Master of East Asian Languages and Cultures program offered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences into 4 years and one summer of full time study.

Growing interdependence with East Asia, particularly with China, provides a need for lawyers versed in culture and language. A dual degree in Law and East Asian Languages and Cultures opens many doors for its recipients. One can find opportunities in international trade and finance, immigration law, and other related fields, as well as a greater ability to work with clients from various backgrounds.

Funding

Dual J.D./M.A. students are eligible and strongly encouraged to apply for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) (<http://flas.ku.edu/>) fellowship through the Center for East Asian Studies.

Admission to Graduate Studies

Admission Requirements

- All applicants must meet the requirements outlined in the Admission to Graduate Study (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>) policy.
- Bachelor's degree: A copy of official transcripts showing proof of a bachelor's degree (and any post-bachelor's coursework or degrees) from a regionally accredited institution, or a foreign university with equivalent bachelor's degree requirements is required.
- English proficiency: Proof of English proficiency (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements/>) for non-native or non-native-like English speakers is required. There are two bands of English proficiency, including Admission and Full proficiency. For applicants to online programs, Full proficiency is required.

Admission to the Dual Program

In addition to the KU admission requirements (<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/application-process/>) for graduate study, to be admitted to the joint J.D./M.A. EALC Program, an applicant must hold an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and meet the admission requirements for both the School of Law and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. Students apply for each program separately and must be admitted to both programs no later than the end of the first year of study in Law or the completion of more than 16 credit hours in EALC. Full-time, in-resident study is required for the joint J.D./M.A. EALC program.

EALC Application Materials:

- A current C.V. (Curriculum Vitae) or resume.
- A Statement of Purpose explaining your academic objectives. Please describe the research interests and goals that you intend to pursue in light of specific strengths that can be found among the faculty at KU (<https://ealc.ku.edu/administration-staff/>).
- A writing sample that demonstrates your writing skills and basic research capacity. A research paper from a previous upper-level undergraduate course will suffice.
- The names and emails of three references. These references will be contacted directly by KU for letters of recommendation. Please alert your references in advance.
- Copies of official transcripts from all institutions from which a degree was obtained and from all institutions attended post-bachelor's. *
- Official GRE scores (strongly recommended)

*International applicants who obtained degrees from the People's Republic of China must also provide an official copy of his or her Degree Certificate or "Xuewei Zheng." A Graduate Certificate only, or "Biye Zheng," will not be acceptable for admission to the program.

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is the only standardized test required for an applicant to the joint degree program.

Visit the KU School of Law (<http://www.law.ku.edu/admissions/>) or more information about requirements for admission to the J.D. and the EALC graduate admissions page (<https://ealc.ku.edu/graduate-admission/>) for more information about admission to the EALC M.A. program.

Degree Requirements

To receive the J.D./M.A. EALC, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 106 credit hours, 81 in the School of Law and 25 in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. The School of Law requires a 2.0 grade point average, while the office of Graduate Studies requires a 3.0 GPA for all courses counting toward the M.A. in EALC portion of the degree.

J.D. Requirements

Students must complete all required first year School of Law courses (29 credit hours) prior to enrolling in courses for the joint degree. In addition to these course requirements, the School of Law has an upper-class writing requirement, a residence requirement, and a time limit for completion of the degree.

In addition to the 44 TOTAL credit hours of coursework required of all law students, students in the joint J.D./M.A. EALC program must complete an additional 12 credit hours of coursework consisting of courses in any two of the following four areas of concentration:

Code	Title	Hours
International Trade		
LAW 944	International Trade Law	3
LAW 864	Advanced International Trade Law	3
International Commerce		
LAW 945	International Commerce and Investment	3
Public International Law		
LAW 974	Public International Law	3
Comparative Law		

LAW 879	Comparative Law	3
LAW 918	Islamic Law	3

Students may choose courses to complete the remaining hours necessary to reach the total of 81 hours of law school credit needed for the joint degree from any part of the Law School curriculum.

Please refer to the current School of Law Catalog for further details about the requirements for the J.D. portion of the degree.

EALC Requirements

Students in this dual degree program are required to select the East Asian concentration:

Code	Title	Hours
Two advanced modern language courses* in one of the following 10 languages:		
CHIN 504	Advanced Modern Chinese I	
CHIN 508	Advanced Modern Chinese II	
JPN 504	Advanced Modern Japanese I	
JPN 508	Advanced Modern Japanese II	
KOR 504	Advanced Modern Korean I	
KOR 508	Advanced Modern Korean II	
One East Asian cultures course with focus on the advanced modern language region		3
One 500+ level literature/culture course taught by EALC graduate faculty with focus on the advanced modern language region		3
EALC 518	Modern Chinese Fiction & Film	
EALC 519	Contemporary Chinese Fiction and Film	
EALC 530	China's Cultural Legacy	
EALC 544	Manga: Histories and Theories	
EALC 561	Colonial Korea	
EALC 562	Post-Colonial Korea	
EALC 563	Cultural History of Korea	
EALC 618	Sexual Politics in Chinese Literature and Culture: Premodern Times	
EALC 716	Fiction and Film in Japan	
EALC 717	Contemporary Japanese Literature in Translation: 1945-Present	
EALC 718	Readings in Modern Chinese Literature	
EALC 720	Daily Life in China from the Opium War to 1911	
EALC 725	Ancient China	

A minimum of two courses on East Asian culture with focus outside of advanced modern language region or broadly on East Asia 6

Completion Option 3

Students select one of the following degree completion options for a total of 3 hours:

Thesis Option: EALC 899 - Master's Thesis
OR
Final Project Option: EALC 801 - Directed Readings

Total Hours 25

- Up to 2 courses can be pan-East Asian courses.
- No more than 6 hours of directed readings courses may be included in the required 30 hours.
- First and second year language courses do not count toward the 25 credits required for M.A. degree completion in the J.D./M.A. program.

Students MUST consult with the EALC Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) immediately upon admission to the joint program to determine an enrollment plan and obtain a list of current approved joint courses. Joint students must also consult with the DGS during advising periods each semester.

Completion Options:

Students are required to select one of the following culminating effort options to complete the degree:

- **Master's Thesis:** Write and defend a thesis which must deal with a subject within the concentration chosen by the student, or
- **Final Project:** Hold an internship or job in the country of concentration for a period of at least 8 weeks, at the advisor's approval, and write a 40 page analysis of the cultural aspects of the experience.

*A language course result lower than B may result in a departmental recommendation for probation status. If language coursework performance does not improve after one semester, the student may be recommended for dismissal.

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Acquire Knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law.
- Develop legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, professional skills, and written and oral communication in the legal context.
- Exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and the legal system.
- Demonstrate mastery of relevant knowledge in the target culture, whether pre-modern or modern; and from such knowledge can explain literary, textual, cultural, socio-political, or linguistic topics using appropriate analytic and synthetic strategies.
- Demonstrate mastery of effective communication in academic language.