Minor in East Asian Languages and Cultures

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 the world’s largest economies after the United States and, along with South Korea and Taiwan, are key U.S. trading partners. The economic and political relationship between the U.S. and East Asia will be among the most important for the U.S. in 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 literatures. 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 one of the following options:

East Asian Languages and Cultures Minor Option I

Advanced Language Requirement for Minor Option I (10)

Must complete the third year of one of the following languages: 10

Japanese. Satisfied by:
- JPN 306 Advanced Japanese Conversation I
- JPN 310 Advanced Japanese Conversation II
- JPN 504 Advanced Modern Japanese I
- JPN 508 Advanced Modern Japanese II

Chinese. Satisfied by:
- CHIN 504 Advanced Modern Chinese I
- CHIN 508 Advanced Modern Chinese II

Korean. Satisfied by:
- KOR 504 Advanced Modern Korean I
- KOR 508 Advanced Modern Korean II

Required Electives for Minor Option I (9-12)

Students who choose to pursue Korean language must complete 1 additional Korean culture course.

Select one of the following categories: 9-12

Category 1:
Students of the Chinese or Japanese languages must complete 3 elective courses:

Six hours must be at the 300 level or above focusing on the country of the language being studied.

Three hours may be a course that covers East Asia broadly.

Three hours may be a 100 level course.

Category 2:
Students of the Korean language must complete 4 elective courses:

Six hours must be courses at the 300 level or above focusing on Korea. Six hours may be courses that cover East Asia broadly. Three hours may be a 100 level course.

East Asian Languages and Cultures Minor Option II

Core Knowledge and Skills for Minor Option II (10)

Must complete the second year of one of the following languages: 10

Japanese
- JPN 204 Intermediate Japanese I
- JPN 208 Intermediate Japanese II

Chinese
- CHIN 204 Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 208 Intermediate Chinese II

Korean
- KOR 204 Intermediate Korean I
- KOR 208 Intermediate Korean II

Required Electives for Minor Option II (0)

Pre-modern culture: Satisfied by the completion of one course on the pre-modern culture of the country of the language being studied. Must be a 300 level or above.

Modern culture: Satisfied by the completion of one course on the modern culture of the country of the language being studied. Must be a course at the 300 level or above.

East Asian Studies Electives: Satisfied by the completion of four courses on Japan, China, Korea, or East Asia. Two courses may be 100 level courses.

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 18-20 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 a minimum of 18-20 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 (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).