

Minor - East Asian Studies

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Students interested in China, Japan, and Korea, especially the interconnections between East Asian culture, history, and politics, should consider the East Asian Studies minor. This interdisciplinary course of study provides students with a critical understanding of East Asia's central role in the world, both past and present. The minor helps prepare students for dynamic careers in multiple fields, including business, finance, law, medicine, policy, and academia.

Course Requirements

A minor in East Asian Studies consists of 18 hours from at least three different academic units (e.g., Hst, Inst, Rel) from the approved list below, with at least one course from each of the three categories: courses with a focus on China, courses with a focus on Japan, and courses with a regional focus. Students who complete relevant internships, study abroad courses, and special topics courses will consult with the East Asian Studies director prior to enrollment in the course for approval and to determine the appropriate category for the course. The same course may not satisfy requirements for both a student's major and his or her minor. A minimum grade of C is required in all courses applied toward the minor.

Courses with a focus on China

Hst 381. Late Imperial and Modern China
Hst 382. China in Revolution
Hst 383. China and the United States since 1784
Inst 341. Contemporary China
Mill 302. China through Literature and Film
Pol 324. Politics of China
PPL 376. Policymaking and Governance in China
Rel 325. Chinese Religions: Confucianism and Daoism

Courses with a focus on Japan

Hst 389. History of Japan-U.S. Relations
Hst 482. Samurai in Film
Hst 387. Modern Japan
Inst 345. Japan in the World

Courses with a regional focus

AH 380. Asian Art
Hst 180. Intro to East Asian History
Inst 310. Topics in East Asian Studies
Inst 331. Topics in East Asian Studies Abroad
Pol 337. Asia in World Affairs
Pol 387. Political Economy of East Asia
Rel 102. Introduction to Asian Religions
Rel 308. Buddhism
Rel 325. Chinese Religions: Confucianism & Daoism
Rel 353. Sacred Texts in East Asian Religions
Soc 359. Sociology of Globalization

Other Academic Requirements

Students must demonstrate competency in an East Asian language by completing either 6 hours at the 200 level or 3 hours at the 300 level with a minimum grade of C.

