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B.A. in East Asian Studies

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What Is the major: East Asian Studies?

The course of study is designed to attain three major objectives. First, it offers students an opportunity to acquire accurate, detailed and comprehensive knowledge of a region that is becoming increasingly important in world affairs. Second, it prepares students who are attracted by job opportunities related to East Asia in business and government. For those who wish to teach about East Asia, the Program provides appropriate preparation. Third, it provides solid undergraduate training for students who plan to enter East Asian programs in their graduate studies.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

The Program in East Asian Studies offers interdisciplinary study of the area, primarily the countries of China and Japan. Under special advisement, Korea and Mongolia are also subjects for study. The major offers students an opportunity to prepare for positions in cultural organizations, diplomatic offices, companies engaged in international business, and in educational institutions.

How to Declare:

Make an appointment to meet with the Director for East Asian Studies (Edward.Vajda@wwu.edu). At this time you will review the complete process for designing your major. In consultation with the director for East Asian Studies you will design your program that will consist of core courses, language courses and electives in the area of Asian Studies that is of particular interest to you.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies degree within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete two years of language study (Chinese or Japanese).

Other Activities:

Be aware of national and international study abroad programs and discuss these plans with your East Asian Studies advisor.

Contact Information:

East Asian Studies Department
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Sample Careers:

International Consultant

International Business Manager

International Sales

Foreign News Correspondent

Tour Guide/Agent

Museum Administrator

Librarian/Information Specialist

Foreign Service Worker

FBI/CIA Agent

Intelligence Researcher

Cultural Officer

Foreign Diplomat

Immigration Agent

College Professor

Secondary Education Teacher



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East Asian Studies Major Requirements: 60 Credits

Language Requirement:

Two years of Chinese or Japanese language (Mongolian or Korean can be taken by special arrangement)

Core Courses Requirement:

EAST 201 Introduction to East Asian Civilizations (5)
EAST 202 East Asian History in Early-Modern/Modern Eras (5)
EAST 302 Methods and Materials in East Asian Studies (5)

Choose one:

EAST 367 Chinese Literature in Translation (5)
EAST 368 Japanese Literature in Translation (5)

Elective courses approved by the Center for East Asian Studies:

HIST 362 Asian American History (5)
HIST 370 Chinese History to 600 AD (4)
HIST 371 Chinese History 600-1800 (4)
HIST 372 Chinese History 1800-Present (4)
HIST 374 Pre-Modern Japanese History (4)
HIST 375 Modern Japanese History (4)
HIST 480 Modern Chinese Social History (4)
HIST 481 The Chinese Revolution (4)
HIST 483 Edo Social History (5)
HIST 484 Women in Japanese History (5)
HIST 485 Japanese Military History: Samurai Fact and Fiction (5)
HIST 486 Religion in Japanese History (5)
LBRL 272 Religion and Society in China and Japan (4)
LBRL 273 Art and Society in China and Japan (4)
LBRL 275 Humanities of Japan (4)
LBRL 277 Humanities of China (4)
LBRL 371 Major Asian/African Traditions: Their Modern Fate (4)
A/HI 271 Visual Culture in East Asia
A/HI 370 Cultural Contacts: Middle East and Asia (4)
EAST 210 Nomads of Eurasia (5)
EAST 313 Early Inner Asia (4)
EAST 314 The Mongols (4)
EAST 315 History and Culture of Tibet (3)
EAST 367 Chinese Literature in Translation (5)
EAST 368 Japanese Literature in Translation (5)
EAST 417t Traditional Chinese Medicine (4)
CHIN 280 Traditional Chinese Characters (2)
CHIN 330 Chinese Culture through Film and Literature (3)
CHIN 360 Business Chinese (3)
CHIN 390 Intro to Chinese Language and Linguistics (4)

JAPN 280 Kanji (2)
JAPN 330 Japanese Culture through Film, Modern (2)
JAPN 331 Japanese Culture through Film, Classic (2)
JAPN 332 Japanese Culture through Film, Literature (2)
JAPN 401 Advanced Japanese (2)
ENG 236 Intro to Asian-American Literatures (5)
EUS 197
AMST 205 The Asian-American Experience (3)
ANTH 362 Peoples of Asia (5)
ANTH 364 Peoples of the Pacific (5)
ANTH 460 Culture and Society of Japan (4)
ANTH 464 Peoples of East Asia (3)
EGEO 324 East Asia (3)
EGEO 423 The Pacific Rim (3)
PLSC 307 East Asia (5)
PLSC 430 Modern Chinese Politics (4)
IBUS 370 Introduction to International Business (4)
IBUS 474 Topics in International Business (4)

NOTE: At least 8 credits of electives must be at the 400 level

East Asian Studies Option:

Minor in East Asian Studies (30 credits)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

BCOM: CHIN 103, 201*; JAPN 103, 201*

ACGM: CHIN 201*, 202*, 203*; JAPN 201*, 202*, 203*;
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WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.