EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

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Major: East Asian Studies
Degrees Offered: M.A.

Major: East Asian Languages and Cultures
Degrees Offered: Ph.D.

Graduate Concentration: Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/medieval-studies/#concentrationtext) (Ph.D.), Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/slate) (Ph.D. only)

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in East Asian Languages and Cultures and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program (http://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd/).

Graduate Degree Programs

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures offers academic programs in the languages and the humanistic cultures of China, Japan, and Korea, and of the East Asian region as a whole, leading to the Master of Arts in East Asian Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

www.ealc.illinois.edu/programs/graduate/ (http://www.ealc.illinois.edu/programs/graduate)

Admission

Applicants are expected to have a strong background in at least one East Asian language; normally, this means a minimum of two years of formal study. Applicants to the graduate program must submit an application for admission online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply) and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of reference completed by teachers, advisers, or recent employers, and a 10-20 page writing sample. Original transcripts (with English translations if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should be sent to:

SLCL Graduate Student Services
3070 Foreign Languages Bldg.
707 S. Mathews Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required and should be submitted to institution code 1836. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 103 on the internet-based test (iBT) for admission with full standing; they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c)). Students with a B.A. or B.S. only should apply to the M.A. Applications are accepted for fall admission only. Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student Services at slclgradservices@illinois.edu.

Medical Scholars Program

The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a second discipline, including East Asian Languages and Cultures. Students may apply to the Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at https://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd/.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program. Therefore, applicants are requested to include information on teaching background as part of the application, and students can normally be expected to teach at least one semester as part of their graduate experience. Non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability.

www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm (http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)

Financial Aid

The Department makes every effort to assist graduate students in securing financial aid. Financial aid packages usually combine some form of fellowship support with teaching or research assistantships in a manner that allows for both teaching experience and timely completion of the degree. In recent years, almost all EALC graduate students have received some form of financial support. Financial aid for graduate students in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures may include:

• University Fellowships
• Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
• University Dissertation Completion Fellowships
• Minority Academic Partnership Plan (MAPP) Fellowships
• teaching assistantships
• research assistantships

All awards of financial aid are made following competitive application.

https://www.grad.uiuc.edu/fellowship/

Master of Arts in East Asian Studies

Thesis Option

Two 500-level courses in the major field including one course designated as a research seminar in which the student produces a research paper using Asian language sources.

EALC 500 Proseminar in EALC

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 07/2017
Distribution requirements. a minimum of two (8 hours) 400- or 500-level courses that are: 1. outside the major field of interest. 2. in an East Asian culture other than the major areas of interest. 3. in a Second Period (modern or premodern)

Elective hours 8

Language Requirement: Candidates must demonstrate a knowledge of one East Asian language at the fourth-year level by satisfactory completion of appropriate (400-level) coursework or examination and passage of a written examination covering material studied while in residence.

EALC 599  Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 4

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements 1

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12
Overall:
Minimum GPA: 2.75

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s guide to Graduate Programs (http://www.ealc.illinois.edu/programs/graduate) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Non-Thesis Option

Two 500-level courses in the major field including one course designated as a research seminar in which the student produces a research paper using Asian language sources.

EALC 500  Proseminar in EALC 4

Distribution requirements. a minimum of two (8 hours) 400- or 500-level courses that are: 1. outside the major field of interest. 2. in an East Asian culture other than the major areas of interest. 3. in a Second Period (modern or premodern)

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EALC 599  Thesis Research (32 max applied toward degree) 0-32

Total Hours 64

Other Requirements 1

Other Requirements may overlap

In addition to the language requirements noted above, Ph.D. students whose primary focus is Japan are required to take one year of classical Japanese, and those whose primary focus is China are required to take one year of classical Chinese. These may be counted toward degree requirements.

Qualifying Exam Required  No
Preliminary Exam Required  Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required  Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required  Yes
Minimum GPA: 2.75

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Entering with approved B.S./B.A. degree

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