Applicants to the PhD program normally must hold a master's degree in East Asian studies or a related discipline with an East Asian concentration.

Candidates for the PhD may specialize in culture (e.g., religion, literature, history, anthropology), language acquisition, or language pedagogy, with a major concentration in China, Japan, or Korea.

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