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 (https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/) are made following competitive application.

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**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**

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1. **Learning goal in East Asian languages:** Language proficiency in two East Asian languages.
2. **Learning goal in East Asian disciplines:** Familiarity with a major field and at least one minor field outside of the student’s focused area to broaden students’ perspectives and ability to conduct interdisciplinary research and to teach general courses.
3. **Learning goal in East Asian periods:** Understanding of both modern and pre-modern periods of East Asian societies.
4. **Learning goal in teaching preparedness:** Proficiency in teaching methodologies to teach languages or to teach Gen-Ed courses.
5. **Learning goal in research:** Completion of MA thesis or qualifying exams in three fields for MA students. Three qualifying exams, oral exam, and the completion of the dissertation and defense for Ph.D. students.

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- East Asian Languages and Cultures, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/east-asian-languages-cultures-phd/)
- optional concentrations:
  - Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies/)
  - Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/)

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