EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in East Asian Languages & Cultures

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overview of admissions & requirements: Graduate Degree Information East Asian Languages & Cultures (https://ealc.illinois.edu/academics/degree-programs/graduate/graduate-admissions/)
college website: LAS (https://www.las.illinois.edu/)
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Graduate Degree Programs in East Asian Languages & Cultures

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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/)

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)). 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. (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.illinois.edu/fellowship/