**EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, PHD**

For the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in East Asian Languages & Cultures

**Admission**

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.

Other general requirements include: an annual review of progress, including an evaluation of research capability; a written and oral preliminary examination in the major and two minor fields (after completion of coursework); presentation of a dissertation proposal (often as part of the preliminary exam); and completion and defense of the dissertation.

**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 (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/east-asian-languages-cultures-phd/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 (https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/) are made following competitive application.

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/).
EALC 599  Thesis Research (32 max applied toward degree)  32

Total Hours  96

Other Requirements

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<td>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.</td>
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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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**Graduate Degree Programs in East Asian Languages & Cultures**

- East Asian Languages & Cultures, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/east-asian-languages-cultures-ma/)
- East Asian Languages and Cultures, PhD (p. 1)
- 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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