EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES MINOR

for the Undergraduate Minor in East Asian Languages and Cultures

department website: https://ealc.illinois.edu/
department faculty: East Asian Languages & Cultures Faculty (https://ealc.illinois.edu/directory/faculty-by-area/)

overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/

For decades, Illinois has been a major center for the study and research of the cultures and languages of East Asia. We have trained hundreds of students who have gone on to careers in education, business, finance, industry, law, journalism, international relations, governments and the arts. The goal of the undergraduate minor is that the student gain an in-depth knowledge of the civilizations of East Asia, a firm competence in an East Asian language, a solid familiarity with East Asian cultures through multiple disciplines, and a more advanced knowledge of the region including research and writing.

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Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		5
CHIN 204	Intermediate Chinese II	
JAPN 204	Intermediate Japanese II	
KOR 204	Intermediate Korean II	
Non-language courses as follows:		15
EALC 120	East Asian Civilizations	
12 additional hours of East Asia-related courses (at least 6 of these hours must be at the 300 or 400 level)		
Total Hours		**20**

Note: Completion of CHIN 204, JAPN 204, or KOR 204 satisfies the LAS foreign language requirement.

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1. **Linguistic Competence and Intercultural Understanding:** EALC students will demonstrate proficiency in the target language and effectively communicate in both routine and social situations. They will possess intercultural competence, enabling them to navigate and engage with diverse cultural contexts.
2. **Intellectual Reasoning and Knowledge:** EALC students will critically analyze and reflect on social, cultural, and linguistic differences. They will apply conceptual tools for cultural analysis and articulate their ideas effectively in speech and writing. Students will possess a deep, interdisciplinary knowledge of East Asian cultures and contextualize Asia within global trends and developments.
3. **Creative Inquiry and Discovery:** EALC students will apply their language proficiency, cultural knowledge, and analytical skills to further deepen their understanding of East Asian cultures and societies, contribute to the ever-changing perspectives and ideas about the region, and share what they learn with others through written, spoken, and visual media.

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