East Asian Languages and Literatures

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- As much work as possible in the student’s major language, focusing on oral and written communication and reading comprehension
- Knowledge of the history, culture, and geography of the area in which that language is spoken
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Angela Jung-Palandri, professor emerita. BA, 1946, Catholic University, Peking; MA, 1949, MLS, 1954, PhD, 1955, Washington (Seattle). (1962)


The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Undergraduate Programs

Majors - Bachelor's Degree

• Chinese (BA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/ba-chinese/)
• Japanese (BA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/ba-japanese/)

Minors

• Chinese (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/min-chinese/)
• Japanese (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/min-japanese/)
• Korean (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/min-korean/)

Graduate Programs

Major - Master's Degree

• East Asian Languages and Literatures (MA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/ma-eall/)

Major - Doctoral Degree

• East Asian Languages and Literatures (PhD) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/east-asian-lang-lit/phd-eall/)

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

• Demonstrate mastery of subject content knowledge.
• Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
• Conduct independent research and analysis in their discipline and contribute original and substantive work in their field.
• Demonstrate independent critical thinking and advanced knowledge in their current discipline and in related areas of their discipline.
• Demonstrate professionalization in the field of study in the form of publications, presentations, conference attendance, funded fellowships received, and other professional association activities.