The Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures presents a wide range of courses in several programs, from introductory courses in the languages and literatures of East Asia (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) to advanced graduate-level study of linguistics and literature. Undergraduate degrees include a bachelor of arts (BA) degree in Chinese or Japanese and minors in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. The department also offers master’s (MA) and doctoral (PhD) degrees in East Asian languages and literatures. At all levels, students may choose to focus on either language or literature, though all degree programs require course work from both areas.

The department typically supports dozens of students in graduate-level study while 100 undergraduate BA majors graduate each year. Faculty members are strongly committed to promoting a rich immersion in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, and undergraduates and graduate students alike are encouraged to study abroad and conduct research throughout East Asia.

Preparation
The department recommends the following preparation for study leading to an undergraduate major or minor in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean:

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
Course work in literary analysis and cultural studies
Careers
Students with an undergraduate degree in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean are well prepared for graduate-level study in the humanities, social sciences, and professions (e.g., law or business). They are also suited to a range of jobs in many different sectors, including business, education, and journalism as well as government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Recent graduates have found jobs in all of these areas.

Faculty

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Undergraduate Programs

Majors - Bachelor's Degree

• Chinese (BA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/school-global-studies-languages/east-asian-lang-lit/ba-chinese/)

• Japanese (BA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/school-global-studies-languages/east-asian-lang-lit/ba-japanese/)

Minors

• Chinese (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/school-global-studies-languages/east-asian-lang-lit/min-chinese/)

• Japanese (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/school-global-studies-languages/east-asian-lang-lit/min-japanese/)

• Korean (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/school-global-studies-languages/east-asian-lang-lit/min-korean/)

Graduate Programs

Major - Master's Degree

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

Major - Doctoral Degree

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