

## School of Arts and Sciences

# EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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With the distance between the Eastern and Western worlds shrinking, students with knowledge about East Asia will be poised to take advantage of all the opportunities available in this exciting time. The undergraduate program of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures prepares students for those opportunities by offering courses in the language, literature, linguistics, and culture of China, Japan, and Korea, leading to a major in either Chinese or Japanese.

There is a full sequence of courses in the modern standard language of China, Japan, and Korea, plus a wide variety of offerings designed to illuminate various facets of these three Asian civilizations. While there is no major in Korean, we offer three years of language and several culture courses. Students whose interests range broadly across the film, theater, and cultures of East Asia may develop an interdisciplinary studies major or obtain a Certificate in Asian Studies.

The department curriculum is composed of three main categories:

1. Courses designed to develop competence in the four skills of the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language, plus courses for advanced study.
2. Courses taught in English and focused on the mainstream of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean culture as reflected in literature, drama, and film.
3. Courses for the advanced study of literature and linguistic analysis.

A degree in East Asian languages and literatures can prepare a student for numerous careers, from foreign service to translation to museum work. It also gives a student a solid foundation for future graduate study.

### Course Requirements for Japanese Major

Requirements for a major in Japanese include three and a half years of language; three courses from departmental offerings in literature, film, theater, linguistics, and culture; and four courses related to Japan from other departments.

The following is a representative list of courses offered within this department about Japan:

JPNSE 0080 City Life and East Asia	JPNSE 1057 Japanese Culture and Society Through Cinema
JPNSE 0083 Introduction to Japanese Literature	JPNSE 1058 Westerns and Samurai Films
JPNSE 0085 Japanese Tales of the Supernatural	JPNSE 1059 Japanese Literature on Screen
JPNSE 1022 History of Japanese Language	JPNSE 1071 The World of Japan: Tale of the Genji
JPNSE 1023 Structure of the Japanese Language	JPNSE 1072 Writers and Thinkers
JPNSE 1025 Exploring the Japanese Language and Mind	JPNSE 1073 Taste of Japan
JPNSE 1035 Pragmatics of Japanese	JPNSE 1080 Ghosts, Masks, and Actors
JPNSE 1040 Introduction to Classical Japanese	JPNSE 1081 Forms of Japanese Theatre
JPNSE 1056 Japanese Literature and the West	

Twelve credits of Japan-related courses chosen from other departments in the humanities and social sciences.



## Course Requirements for Chinese Major

Requirements for a major in Chinese include language courses chosen from first-year, second-year, and third-year spoken and reading classes; four courses taken from departmental offerings in literature, film, poetry, and culture; and two courses related to China from other departments.

The following is a representative list of courses offered within this department about China:

CHIN 0070 Exploring China from Roots to Blooms	CHIN 1072 Law and Literature in China
CHIN 0080 City Life and East Asian Culture	CHIN 1083 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature: Premodern
CHIN 0081 East Asia in the World	CHIN 1084 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature and Film
CHIN 0082 Hong Kong Cinema	CHIN 1085 Introduction to East Asian Cinema
CHIN 0084 Self, Place, and Community in Modern China	CHIN 1086 Love in Chinese and Western Literature
CHIN 1040 Literary Chinese 1	CHIN 1087 Introduction to Chinese Narrative
CHIN 1041 Literary Chinese 2	CHIN 1088 New Chinese Cinema
CHIN 1047 Chinese and Western Poetry	CHIN 1089 The World of China
CHIN 1065 Sources on East Asia	CHIN 1090 Great Minds of China
CHIN 1070 Love and Power	CHIN 1562 Confucianism: Basic Texts

### Job Opportunities

Business and diplomatic contacts with countries of the Pacific Rim are growing in amount and importance. Your commitment to learning about these countries naturally wins respect and approval from the people of these areas. Moreover, knowledge of the language and cultural sensitivity gained from this study unlocks countless realms of experience closed to others, enhancing every dimension of one's life and strengthening one's specific professional training. Ability in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean implies special opportunities for the application of that training, in government, business and cross-cultural understanding as well as preparation for more advanced graduate study.

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## Special Programs & Opportunities

The **Asian Studies Club** and the **Anime** are student groups aimed at promoting intercultural understanding. The groups sponsor a number of cultural events, like picnics, language tables, movie screenings, etc.

**Study abroad** is an exciting way to add an international perspective to your undergraduate education and strengthen your credentials as a graduate. Since only a small percentage of American students have studied abroad, this experience distinguishes you when you enter the job market or pursue graduate study. Study in Japan, China, and Korea allows you to broaden your personal experience and gain an appreciation of other cultures while earning credits toward your degree. Scholarships are available and most financial aid is applicable.

A few of the Pitt-related programs of special interest to students majoring in East Asian languages and literatures are:

#### Pitt in China

This summer program is an unparalleled opportunity to gain firsthand experience and understanding of China's history, tradition, and culture and its contemporary political, economic, and social environment. The program consists of intensive lectures given by Chinese professors on a variety of topics. The courses are taught in English, but participants take daily Chinese language classes as well.

#### Konan Program in Japan (Kobe City)

This is a two-semester program at a small liberal arts college in the city of Kobe. There is a special curriculum of language and content courses especially designed for undergraduate students from the United States, while at the same time there

are many opportunities to interact with Japanese university students and residents of the area. Located close to the thriving commercial center of Osaka as well as the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara, this program provides homestays for all participants, plus several field trips. At least one year of Japanese language study is required for acceptance. Scholarships are available.

#### **Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto, Japan)**

This program is a direct exchange program with Ritsumeikan University, meaning that for every Pitt student who goes there, a Ritsumeikan student comes to Pitt. You will spend a year studying in historic Kyoto, a city that for more than 1,000 years was the capital of Japan. This program is a flexible system of intensive Japanese language study and cultural exploration. One-year program participants can take some courses established for regular four-year international students. There is also an opportunity to take regular undergraduate courses taught in Japanese.

The **East Asian Library** at the University of Pittsburgh is the 23rd largest among East Asian libraries in the United States and Canada. The collection of Chinese, Japanese, and Korea language materials is especially strong in the humanities and social sciences.

The **Japan Information Center (JIC)** at Pitt provides rapid access to information in the Japan Information Network database located in Tokyo. The JIC database includes Japanese government documents (translated into English), economic reports, public opinion polls, foreign aid documents, Facts of Japan, Index of Government Publications, information on prefectures, and even sports scores.

The **Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures** offers intensive language instruction in Japanese each summer. These beginning and intermediate courses each provide the equivalent of one year (two terms) of language study in 10 weeks. Emphasis is on speaking and understanding in daily communication, with an introduction to reading and writing.

**Internships** can be one of the most enlightening and productive aspects of your undergraduate education. They not only give you a closer look at working in a particular field but can help you gain a competitive edge, make contacts in the marketplace, and earn credits toward your degree. Pittsburgh is an exciting place for internship opportunities: internationally known as a renowned center for health care and groundbreaking medical research; home to many corporate headquarters, including H.J. Heinz, Fisher Scientific, PPG Industries, Mitsubishi Electric, and Mellon Financial Corp.; and a city with a wealth of cultural and entertainment activities, including three professional sports teams and the Carnegie system of museums. Internships are not limited to Pittsburgh, however. Every year, students complete internships in cities such as Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; New York, N.Y.; cities in Japan; and their own hometowns.

**Volunteer Service** gives you valuable experience that enhances your learning, personal development, and the process of discovering your interests. The Student Volunteer Outreach center coordinates a variety of volunteer opportunities with more than 100 local community agencies and annual programs such as the mentoring and tutoring programs, Alternative Spring Break, annual volunteer agency fair, and Scouting for Food. Students in advanced Japanese/Chinese language classes often serve as interpreters for visiting Japanese and Chinese artists, musicians, actors, medical professionals, etc.

