



FACULTY OF ARTS

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

The study of East Asia (China, Korea and Japan) prepares one to meet the challenges of the future.

The East Asian region constitutes one of the most dynamic and intellectually rich regions in the world. The impact of East Asian economic development has been keenly felt in recent decades and the region has a major impact on world affairs. The legacy of East Asian history, religious and social values, literatures, etc., is a major factor in current affairs in the region, and this legacy will continue to shape our global future.

The EALC program is devoted to the study of East Asian societies through two components:

- the study of languages (Chinese—Mandarin and Classical, Korean and Japanese), and
- the study of cultures through a multi-disciplinary approach (Religion & Culture, History, Literature, Cinema, Economics, International Development Studies, Politics).

The EALC program is administered through the Department of Religion & Culture.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or 4-year)**. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in EALC as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Students who are interested in careers related to East Asia in fields such as education, government, journalism, economics, and business benefit greatly from courses in East Asian Languages & Cultures.

SAMPLE COURSES

East Asian Cultural Foundations introduces students to the cultural traditions and belief systems of East Asia (primarily China, Japan, and Korea). Traditions examined include Confucianism, Daoism (Taoism), and Buddhism.

East Asian Martial Arts challenges the portrayal of East Asian martial arts as an ancient, mystical practice by examining the history of martial arts. Students explore how military techniques once intended for war, policing, and control of banditry came to be practiced as methods of moral and physical self-cultivation.

Introduction to Japanese Language provides a solid base in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation through speaking, listening, writing, and reading exercises. Students are introduced to Japanese syllabary (hiragana and katakana) and basic Japanese characters (kanji).

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Introduction to Korean Language
- Introduction to Chinese Language
- Buddhism Through Art
- Japanese Cinema
- Chinese-English Translation
- Women in Asian Religions and Cultures

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

One language course: EALC-1100(6) Introduction to Japanese Language, OR EALC-1200(6) Introduction to Chinese Language, OR Introduction to Korean Language EALC-1300(6)

EALC-1004(3) East Asian Cultural Foundations

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Sciences

12 credit hours Electives, depending on interest

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

“The East Asian Languages and Cultures Program opened me up to new perspectives of the world, engaged me to think globally, and prepared me for meeting the language and cultural challenges associated with my work as a cultural ambassador in Japan.”

- Hyewon Park, BA (East Asian Languages and Culture), Coordinator of International Relations, JET Programme (Niigata, Japan)

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg’s general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where University’s Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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