East Asian Languages and Literatures

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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

Roy Chan, associate professor (modern Chinese and Russian literature). BA, 2002, Washington (Seattle); PhD, 2009, California, Berkeley. (2013)

Weijun Chen, senior instructor (Chinese). BA, 1997, Anhui; MA, 2000, Nanjing. (2008)

Rachel DiNitto, professor (modern Japanese literature, cultural studies). BA, 1988, Pennsylvania; MA, 1996, PhD, 2000, Washington (Seattle). (2015)

Maram Epstein, professor (Ming-Qing vernacular fiction). BA, 1983, MA, 1987, PhD, 1992, Princeton. (1994)

Alisa D. Freedman, professor (modern Japanese literature and film). BA, 1991, Wesleyan; MA, 1995, PhD, 2002, Chicago. (2005)

Yukari Furikado-Koranda, senior instructor (Japanese). BA, 2002, Kobe College; MA, 2010, Oregon. (2010)

Denise Gigliotti, senior instructor (Chinese). BA, 1995, National Taiwan; MA, 1998, California, Los Angeles. (2002)

Alison Groppe, associate professor (Chinese culture). BA, 1989, Wellesley College; MA, 1995, PhD, 2006, Harvard. (2008)

Luke Habberstad, associate professor (early Chinese literature). BA, 2003, Yale; MA, 2007, PhD, 2014, California, Berkeley. (2014)

Reiko Hashimoto, senior instructor (Japanese). BA, 1982, Chukyo; MA, 1992, Minnesota State, Mankato; PhD, 2000, Indiana, Bloomington. (2000)

Kaori Idemaru, professor (linguistics). BA, 1990, Osaka; MA, 1992, Northern Iowa; PhD, 2005, Oregon. (2008)

Rika Ikei, senior instructor (Japanese). BA, 1992, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies; MA, 1998, West Chester. (2003)

Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, professor (Chinese linguistics). BA, 1992, MA, 1995, Peking; MA, 1997, California, Los Angeles; PhD, 2005, Cologne. (2010)

Boyoung Kim, instructor (Korean). B.A. with Honors, University of Iowa; M.A., Ph.D., University of California, San Diego

Jina Kim, associate professor (Korean literature). BA, 1993, University of Chicago; MA, 2002, University of Washington; MA, 2009, Cornell; PhD, 2006, University of Washington. (2018)

Nayoung Kwon, associate professor (Korean linguistics). BA, 1997, Korea; MA, 1999, Korea; MA, 2003, California (San Diego); PhD, 2008, California (San Diego). (2020)

Fengjun Mao, senior instructor (Chinese). BA, 2000, MA, 2003, East China Normal. (2008).

Naoko Nakadate, senior instructor (Japanese). BA, 1988, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies; MA, 1992, Oregon. (1993)

Yoko O'Brien, senior instructor (Japanese). BA, 1996, Washington State; MA, 2000, Oregon. (2007)

Thomas Glynne Walley, associate professor (early modern Japanese literature). BA, 1996, Brigham Young; MA, 2001, Washington (St. Louis); PhD, 2009, Harvard. (2012)

Yugen Wang, professor (classical Chinese poetry and poetics). BA, 1992, Anhui Normal; MA, 1995, Peking; PhD, 2005, Harvard. (2005)

Sunhee Woo, instructor (Korean). BA, 2004; M.Ed, 2012, Graduate School of Education, Hanyang University. (2021)

Jean Yuanpeng Wu, senior instructor (Chinese). BA, 1982, China University of Geosciences; MA, 1990, West Virginia; PhD, 1998, Michigan State. (1996)

Emeriti

Stephen W. Durrant, professor emeritus. BA, 1968, Brigham Young; PhD, 1975, Washington (Seattle). (1990)

Michael B. Fishlen, associate professor emeritus. BA, 1965, Knox College; MA, 1968, PhD, 1973, Indiana; JD, 1987, Oregon. (1970)

Angela Jung-Palandri, professor emerita. BA, 1946, Catholic University, Peking; MA, 1949, MLS, 1954, PhD, 1955, Washington (Seattle). (1962)

Stephen W. Kohl, associate professor emeritus. BA, 1967, PhD, 1974, Washington (Seattle). (1972)

Wendy Larson, professor emerita. BA, 1974, Oregon; MA, 1978, PhD, 1984, California, Berkley. (1985)

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.