

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

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The East Asian Studies major and minor focus on developing an integrated interdisciplinary understanding of the diverse but related historical and cultural traditions of East Asia. Starting with a foundation in Chinese language and history, the curriculum extends that focus across the East Asian region to Japan, and across multiple disciplinary approaches to understanding China, Japan, and East Asia, broadly. The East Asian Studies Program recognizes the diversity of cultural and national traditions that exist across this region, but at the same time seeks to foster an understanding of the common cultural and historical concerns that make "East Asia" a coherent focus of study.

Given the complexity of histories and traditions in this region of the world, the East Asian Studies major and minor require interdisciplinary study with a core orientation in history and language, and off-campus study in an East Asian country as part of the curriculum. Our expectation is that the East Asian Studies major will be appropriate for students who seek a broad-based study of East Asia, including course work focused on China and Japan, and who are interested in off-campus study in a Wooster-endorsed program either in Japan, or in a broad-based East Asian Studies program in China. Students whose studies are focused exclusively on China, including off-campus study in China, should consult the Chinese Studies major.

The East Asian Studies major and minor are offered through the interdepartmental program in East Asian Studies. Eight faculty members from five departments (six disciplinary areas) contribute to the East Asian Studies Program.

Major in East Asian Studies

Consists of eleven courses:

- CHIN 20100
- One elective Chinese course at the 200- or 300-level
- HIST 23400
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- One of the following courses: HIST 10100-10196 (when China-focused), 23700, SOCI 21900, PHIL 23000, 23200, or RELS 21600
- HIST 23600
- RELS 22000
- ANTH 23100
- Junior Independent Study: EAST 40100
- Senior Independent Study: EAST 45100
- Senior Independent Study: EAST 45200

Minor in East Asian Studies

Consists of six courses:

- CHIN 20100
- Two of the following courses: a Chinese course at the 200- or 300-level, HIST 10100-10196 (when China focused), 23400, 23500, 23700, SOCI 21900, RELS 21600

- Two of the following courses: ANTH 23100 (when Japan focused), HIST 23600, RELS 22000
- One of the 200- or 300-level cross-listed courses accepted for EAST credit

Special Notes

- **Off-campus Study:** The major and minor in East Asian Studies requires the completion of an approved off-campus study program in an East Asian country (e.g., a program in China or Japan appropriate for this major). Up to three approved transfer credits may count toward the requirements for the major.
- Students who wish to take the maximum number of courses for this major are encouraged to complete additional courses from the options offered in the major requirements.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the major or minor.

EAST ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

EAST 40100. JUNIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

A one-semester course that focuses upon the research skills, methodology, and theoretical framework necessary for Senior Independent Study.

EAST 45100. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER ONE

The first semester of the Senior Independent Study project, in which each student engages in creative and independent research guided by a faculty mentor and which culminates in a thesis and an oral examination in the second semester. *Prerequisite:* EAST 40100.

EAST 45200. SENIOR INDEPENDENT STUDY – SEMESTER TWO

The second semester of the Senior Independent Study project, which culminates in the thesis and an oral examination. *Prerequisite:* EAST 45100.

CROSS-LISTED COURSES ACCEPTED FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES CREDIT

CHINESE STUDIES

- CHIN 20100. INTERMEDIATE CHINESE I [C]
- CHIN 20200. INTERMEDIATE CHINESE II [C]
- CHIN 22000. REBELS, ROMANTICS, AND REFORMERS: BEING YOUNG IN CHINA [C, AH]
- CHIN 22200. WOMEN IN CHINESE LITERATURE [C, AH]
- CHIN 22300. CHINESE CINEMA AS TRANSLATION OF CULTURES [C, AH]
- CHIN 30100. ADVANCED CHINESE I
- CHIN 30200. ADVANCED CHINESE II
- CHIN 31100. CHINESE MODERNITY AND FILM
- CHIN 31200. CHINA: A CULTURAL PANORAMA
- CHIN 40000. TUTORIAL

HISTORY

- HIST 10183. THE FAMILY IN CHINESE HISTORY [Wt, some sections count toward C, HSS]
- HIST 23400. TRADITIONAL CHINA [C, HSS]
- HIST 23500. MODERN CHINA [C, HSS]
- HIST 23600. MODERN JAPAN [C, HSS]
- HIST 23700. THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA [C, HSS]

PHILOSOPHY

- PHIL 23000. EAST/WEST COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY [Wt, C, AH]

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- RELS 21600. CHINESE RELIGIONS [C, R, AH]
- RELS 22000. BUDDHISM [C, R, AH]

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

- ANTH 23101. PEOPLES AND CULTURES: JAPAN [C, HSS]
- SOCI 21900. GLOBALIZATION AND CONTEMPORARY CHINA [C, HSS]