

USC SCHOOL	Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	East Asian Studies Center
GRADUATE PROGRAM	East Asian Area Studies
POST CODE	976
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The East Asian Area Studies (EAAS) Master of Arts is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide advanced academic background on East Asia. Candidates are able to design a program of study based on individual scholarly and professional goals, concentrating on one country (China, Japan, or Korea) or developing region-wide expertise.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

EAAS majors and EALC majors and minors are eligible.	Non-majors or minors should have some East Asian Area studies background coursework and at least 2 years of language proficiency in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.
EAAS and KRNS minors are eligible if they have at least 2 years of language proficiency in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.	Common bachelor's degree programs with East Asian Area studies background coursework include: AHIS, ANTH, CAMS, COLT, COMM, HIST and IR .

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	Any Upper Division East Asia-related course at USC	Recommended	

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
AHIS-481	Studies in Japanese Art	4
ARCH-454	Contemporary Asian Architecture	4
EALC-428	Nature and the Ecological Imagination in Japanese Literature	4
EALC-452	Chinese Fiction	4
EALC-465	Topics in Korean Visual and Cultural Studies	4
EALC-485	Material Culture on the Silk Road	4
EASC-490	Directed Research	4
HIST-438	Seminar in Pre-Modern Japanese History	4
HP-450	Traditional Eastern Medicine and Modern Health	4
IR-442	Japanese Foreign Policy	4
POSC-453	Political Change in East Asia	4
THTR-460	Asian and Asian American Theatre: Identity and Aesthetics	4
	East Asia focused 400-level courses in most departments will be considered. Please consult with the EAAS advisor for more information.	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
EASC-592	Proseminar on Issues and Trends in Contemporary East Asia	4
EALC/HIST	Cultural History Course*	4
EASC-594a	Master's Thesis	2
EASC-594b	Master's Thesis	2

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

4

TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

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TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

28	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
20	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

In addition to course requirements, EAAS MA students must have the equivalent of 3 years of Chinese/Japanese/Korean language proficiency by the end of the program, either through coursework or placement test.

*The Cultural History course requirement can be fulfilled by a number of courses in the Art History, Anthropology East Asian Languages and Cultures, History and Religion departments. Students should consult with the graduate advisor when selecting a course.

East Asia-related courses are offered in more than 20 departments and schools at USC. Eligible courses are listed each semester on the [Courses](#) page of our website. Please contact the East Asian Studies Center for more information on course eligibility and degree requirements.

More information about the EAAS Progressive Degree Program can be found here:

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/eascenter/eaas-pdp/>

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