

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS: EAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES, BA

East Asian Studies focuses on East Asia as a region of the world and human experience, and provides an integrated curriculum drawing on the approaches of the social sciences and the humanities. The program requires relevant courses in areas including history, international relations, political science, sociology, legal studies, and East Asian arts and cultures, while maintaining high standards in language study.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <https://ealc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major/> (<https://ealc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Gateway Courses</i>		
EALC 0020	Introduction to Chinese Civilization (China)	1
EALC 0040	Introduction to Japanese Civilization (Japan)	1
EALC 0060	Introduction to Korean Civilization	1
<i>History, Social Science, and Humanities</i>		
Select 1 course unit of History		1
Select 1 course unit of Social Sciences		1
Select 1 course unit of Humanities		1
<i>Language Requirement²</i>		
Select a minimum of 4 course units in one language: Chinese, Japanese, or Korean		4
<i>Regional Coverage³</i>		
Select 1 course unit on China		
Select 1 course unit on Japan		
Select 1 course unit on Korea		
<i>Seminar Requirement</i>		
Select 2 course units of Seminar ⁴		2
<i>Electives</i>		
Select a maximum of 3 course units of Electives ⁵		
Total Course Units		32

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

² Up to 4 course units of electives may be taken in place of the language requirement. Consult with major advisor.

³ One of the above may be a general East Asia course.

⁴ Can be fulfilled by other requirements.

⁵ To be chosen in consultation with the Major Advisor.

Honors

Required: A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and 3.5 in major related courses.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.