BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Develop expertise in Chinese, Korean, and Japanese language, linguistics, and literature by diving into the histories, cultures, and religions of East Asia. Build a foundation for a career involving this exciting and economically vigorous part of the world!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A EAST ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... community liaison officer, customs officer, immigration officer, intelligence services worker, overseas representative, exchange student program coordinator, international education specialist or student advisor, educational administrator, court translator, cultural resource manager, business leader, corporate executive, hospitality worker, multinational marketer, or program developer.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY EASIA

1. Immerse yourself in an intensive language and cultural learning experience in China, Taiwan, Japan, or South Korea.
2. The very active East Asian Studies Undergraduate Students’ Association offers support for EASIA students and hosts social events for a fun, welcoming environment between all disciplines.
3. Develop knowledge in Japanese, Chinese, and Korean culture, literature, and history while enhancing communication, critical thinking, and project management skills.
4. Gain professional experience, make connections, and explore work options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.
5. To travel to amazing countries and speak directly to people in these countries.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN

CONSIDER AN HONORS DEGREE

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE
The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Art History
- Culture
- Economics
- Film
- Gender
- History
- Language
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Music
- Politics
- Religion

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR
Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan - you’re in control!

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Students with a prior background in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language should consult the department before selecting courses.
EASIA 101, plus 10 to 16 courses at the senior level from EASIA, CHINA, JAPAN, or KOREA, including:
- Two courses in CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA at the senior level, including one or more of 302, 401, 402.
- Four courses in EASIA at the senior level, two of which must be at the 400-level.

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS
These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.
- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

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DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

- GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
- GAIN EXPERIENCE
- SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
- NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities.

- Plan your degree path, meet with an Arts undergrad advisor.

MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

- Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid work experience.
- Add research to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors!

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

- Ask a professor, community contact, or employer to be an academic or professional reference.
- Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Beartracks.

Get an inside look at professional life in the Job Shadow Week program.

- Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practise self-care.

Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.

- Study abroad for a Fall or Winter semester in China, Japan, or Korea and get up to 15 credits toward your degree!

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and world views.

- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step.

Join a student group.

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