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 AN EAST ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE?

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

TOP 5 REASONS TO TAKE EASIA STUDIES

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. Challenge yourself to engage with learning in new ways and explore relationships between theory and practice by applying your knowledge to community organizations in Community Service-Learning courses.
5. Gain professional experience, make connections, and explore work options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE


CONSIDER AN HONORS DEGREE

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OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Art History
- Culture
- Film
- Language
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Music
- 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, which must be at the 400-level

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

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.
BA EAST ASIAN STUDIES
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!

EARLY DEGREE
Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

- Plan your degree path, meet with an Arts undergrad advisor.
- Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.
- Take a Community Service-Learning course.
- Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree.
- Take a language course in your first year and do an immersive summer program abroad in China or Japan!
- 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.
- 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!
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step.

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.
- Ask a professor, community contact, or employer to be an academic or professional reference.
- Add research to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors!
- Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.

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

- Study abroad for a fall or winter semester in China, Japan, or Korea and get up to 15 credits toward your degree!
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step.

LEGEND
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
GAIN EXPERIENCE
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
NAVIGATE COURSES