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KU'S MAIN CAMPUS IN LAWRENCE

► **THE FACULTY.** An international team of native and non-native speakers makes up EALC's excellent faculty. The department offers a balance of male and female professors and faculty members from China and Japan. Faculty members enjoy giving students personalized attention. Each year the department offers an interesting mix of courses to stimulate students' thinking and introduce them to many ideas and topics.



OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS



KU MEDICAL CENTER IN KANSAS CITY



STUDY ABROAD

► **CULTURAL EXCHANGE.** You will meet and study with many Asian students. The largest number of KU's international students are Asian, many from mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. You can join international clubs and choose from their activities. The excellent collection of Asian art at KU's Spencer Museum of Art, lectures on Asian topics, and cultural events will enrich your EALC studies.



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EXCELLENT FACULTY AND STUDENTS



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

East Asian Languages & Cultures

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Is East Asian study for me? To find out, ask yourself: Am I open-minded about other cultures and societies? Do the cultures of Asia intrigue me? Do I have some skill with a foreign language? Can I make a commitment to learning Japanese, Chinese, or Korean? Am I patient when learning challenging things? Am I consistent in my study habits? Do I like being exposed to another world view? Do I enjoy studying something for its own rewards?

What will I study? The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, or EALC, focuses on two of the world's oldest, continuous civilizations: China and Japan. EALC students select one of three concentrations. They study the literature and language of China or Japan or choose an interdisciplinary major in East Asian area studies. Each concentration gives students at least six semesters of an Asian

language and a broad understanding of the cultures of Eastern civilizations past and present. Students who major in Chinese language and literature take nine semesters of Chinese, including one year of classical Chinese. Those who major in Japanese take seven semesters of Japanese. Those who earn the general major in East Asian area studies take three full years of Chinese or Japanese. Students who

study Korean to fulfill their language requirement take entry-level Korean courses at KU and earn the remaining credits in Korea.

Can I double major? Many EALC students earn double majors, combining an interest in Asian cultures with a second major in a department such as political science or history. You can also combine a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in EALC with a degree from one of KU's professional schools, such as journalism or business.

Double majors must keep in close touch with advisers in both departments or schools to plan the requirements in both degree programs.

Tell me about the honors program. Qualified students who want to design their own honors project are encouraged to apply to the department's honors program. Honors students write a thesis about a topic that excites them.

Graduating with departmental honors helps students polish their skills in research, critical thinking, and writing; develop a close working relationship with a notable faculty member; and distinguish themselves as they begin graduate studies or professional careers.

What kind of job can I get? Your career choices are limited only by your interests and your creativity in weaving those interests into a career plan. A double

major might give you a competitive edge in the job market, especially if you are willing to move to another part of the country or the world.

For many students, the undergraduate degree is only the first step toward reaching their career goals. If you want a career as a translator, an international business person, a college teacher, or a member of the U.S. State Department, you will have to continue to prepare for those careers in graduate school. Your undergraduate degree will be excellent preparation for advanced studies.

If you want to live in an Asian country, you could get a job teaching English

overseas. These positions are open to people with undergraduate degrees. They give you an excellent chance to sharpen your language skills and international knowledge. Many students go overseas for a few years before beginning graduate studies.

The language skills, cultural awareness, and world view you will receive during your undergraduate education will give you important skills for entry-level positions in many areas. Think about whether your interests are in areas such as business, travel, journalism, government and public service, the social services, or international relations. Then

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plan a program of study that will lead you toward a career.

What courses will I be taking? As an EALC major, you must complete three years or more of one language. As a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, you must take English, math, and courses that fulfill general education requirements. The CLAS chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog* gives more detailed information.

What will my student workload be like? You will need a minimum of 124 credit hours to earn a B.A. degree with a major in East Asian Languages and Cultures. Most students average about 15 hours, or five courses, a semester.



Deborah Peterson

Scott Harper/KU University Relations

Depending on which of the three majors you choose, you will take anywhere from six to nine language courses. It takes a consistent student to learn a language well, so EALC majors devote hours each semester to developing their skills in vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension.



A student in Japanese art history works on her Chinese language skills.

R. Steve Dick/KU University Relations

Your first year's schedule in East Asian languages and cultures may look something like this:

First semester	Hours
ENGL 101 Composition	3
MATH 101 Algebra	3
JPN 104 Elementary Japanese I	5
H A 268 Art and Culture of China	3
TOTAL	14
Second semester	Hours
ENGL 102 Composition and Literature	3
MATH 115 Calculus I	3
JPN 108 Elementary Japanese II	5
BIOL 100 Principles of Biology Lecture	3
BIOL 102 Principles of Biology Laboratory	2
TOTAL	16

How do I get into the department? As an EALC major, you will automatically be enrolled in the College. You can begin taking courses in your major as early as your first semester.

Contact the department office to fill out a major declaration form as soon as you know you want to major in EALC. The department will help you plan your program of study and select the right courses.

Can I study overseas? Many EALC students have participated in KU's Study Abroad Program. Each year, this program has three openings for students studying Chinese and six for students studying Japanese.

Because you will be a KU student while attending an Asian university, you will

pay KU's tuition rates, which makes your year overseas less expensive. You will be responsible for your living and travel expenses for the year.

If you're interested in studying Korean, the department will help you find placement in a Korean university, but you will not be eligible for KU's tuition rates.

For details about study abroad opportunities, write or call the University of Kansas, Office of Study Abroad, Lippincott Hall, 1410 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 108, Lawrence, KS 66045-7515, (785) 864-3742, osa@ku.edu.

Can I get a scholarship? Each year the program gives a few awards to students for academic excellence.

For information about scholarships based on academic merit, diversity, major, and residence, write or call the University of Kansas, Office of Admissions and Scholarships, KU Visitor Center, 1502 Iowa St., Lawrence, KS 66045-7576, (785) 864-3911, www.admissions.ku.edu.

For information about grants, loans, and other need-based financial aid, write or call KU's Office of Student Financial Aid, Strong Hall, 1450 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 50, Lawrence, KS 66045-7535, (785) 864-4700.

Where can I get more information? For more information about the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and for answers to questions about scholarships, advising, and careers, contact the department in 2118 Wescoe Hall, (785) 864-3100. Or visit our Web site: www.ku.edu/~ealc/ealc.html.

What if my interests change after I come to KU? KU has hundreds of programs. As a student in the College, you will take courses in many subjects. One of them will lead you toward a major and career.



A Chinese-American student acquires the language of her heritage.

R. Steve Dick/KU University Relations



Japanese classes in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures attract a diverse student body.

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With so many East Asian languages and cultures programs in the country, why should I choose KU?

► **EAST ASIAN STUDIES CENTER.** KU's Center for East Asian Studies offers many resources. A federally funded center for undergraduate education, the center brings outstanding visiting faculty members from Asia, conducts exchange visits, provides fellowships and internships, funds cultural programming, and works closely with Asian universities to develop ties between U.S. and Asian faculty members, students, and researchers.

► **YOUR OVERALL EDUCATION.** The overall quality and breadth of your education is one great reason for coming to KU. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers hundreds of courses and has excellent teachers. You will choose from hundreds of courses, work with excellent teachers, and explore KU's outstanding libraries and museums. You will meet people from around the world who will introduce you to diverse cultures. You will sample lectures, plays, concerts, and many other activities.

If you would like information on other majors at KU, contact the University of Kansas, Office of Admissions and Scholarships, KU Visitor Center, 1502 Iowa St., Lawrence, KS 66045-7576. Telephone (785) 864-3911; fax: (785) 864-5017. E-mail: adm@ku.edu Web site: www.admissions.ku.edu

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