

# East Asian Languages and Cultures

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) offers advanced degrees in the modern and traditional literatures and cultures of East Asia based on substantial knowledge of at least one East Asian language (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean). Students may specialize in one linguistic tradition or pursue transcultural or multidisciplinary studies. EALC offers the **Master of Arts (MA) in East Asian Languages and Cultures** as well as the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in East Asian Languages and Cultures** and the **PhD in East Asian and Comparative Literatures**.

The goal of these programs is to produce scholars who are well trained in their chosen languages, firmly grounded in the relevant linguistic and literary traditions, and thoroughly conversant with the critical discourses (indigenous and Western) relevant to their fields. With research strengths that cover modern and premodern literary studies, gender and sexuality, translation, material culture, identity, digital humanities, and more, our internationally recognized faculty is poised to offer graduate students careful and consistent mentoring. By admitting only a select number of graduate students each year, our programs allow for individualized guidance. After completing these programs at the PhD level, candidates have extended firsthand exposure to the modern societies whose languages, literatures, and cultures they study as well as significant teaching experience in both language and literature or culture classes.

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