EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, a Bi-College department shared by Haverford and Bryn Mawr is dedicated to the humanistic investigation of the cultural sphere defined by the use of Chinese characters. While national borders have often shifted through the millennia, today this sphere includes the five countries of China, Japan, Korea north and south, and Vietnam. The department offers five years of instruction in Chinese and Japanese, and students may choose to pursue the study of Korean or Vietnamese at the University of Pennsylvania. The present political and economic power and ascendancy contemporary of East Asia can only be understood against the backdrop of its rich cultural past. Our goal is to couple rigorous language training to the study of East Asian, particularly Chinese and Japanese, culture and society. In addition to our intensive programs in Chinese and Japanese languages, departmental faculty offer courses in East Asian literature, religion, film, art and visual culture, and history. The intellectual orientation of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures is centered on primary textual and visual sources; that is, we focus on East Asia’s rich cultural traditions as a way to understand its present, through the study of a wide range of literary and historical texts (in translation and in the original), images, film, and scholarly books and articles.

The Chinese and Japanese Language Programs

Chinese Program
The Bi-Co Chinese Program offers five years of instruction in modern Mandarin Chinese.

- First-year Chinese (CNSE 001–002) and Second-year Chinese (CNSE 003–004) both have master and drill sections.
- First-year Chinese (CNSE 001–002) is a year-long course. Students must complete both semesters to receive credit.
- We offer Advanced Chinese each semester with a different topic; students can take this as Fourth- or Fifth-year Chinese, with one credit per semester, and repeat the course as long as the topics differ.
- We offer CNSE007-008 for students with a background in Chinese, based on results of a placement test. Upon completion of this full-year sequence, students move on to Second-year Chinese.

The approved Study Abroad program for Chinese is CET (China Educational Tours, http://cetacademicprograms.com/). If you have questions, contact the Director of the Chinese Program, Shizhe Huang (shuang@haverford.edu), who also serves as the advisor for Chinese Minor.

Japanese Program
The Bi-Co Japanese Program offers five years of instruction in modern Japanese.

- First-year Japanese (JNSE 001–002), taught at Haverford, is six hours (one hour on MWF and ninety minutes on Tues. and Thurs.) per week. Students should register for one of the Mon./Weds./Fri. sessions and choose one of the Tues./Thurs. sessions.
• Second through Fourth-year (Advanced) Japanese (JNSE 003–004, JNSE 101–102, and JNSE 201A/B) all meet at Haverford.
• The first-year and second-year courses in Japanese (JNSE 001–002 and 003–004, respectively) meet five days a week.
• For the first-year courses, students must complete both semesters in order to obtain credit, whereas students earn credit for each semester for the second-year courses and above.

Haverford students may study abroad at IES Tokyo or Nanzan or at KCJS in Kyoto.
If you have questions, contact Tetsuya Sato (tsato@haverford.edu) for clarification.

Placement Tests

The two language programs conduct placement tests for first-time students at all levels in the week before classes start in the fall semester.
• To qualify for third-year language courses, students need to finish Second-year courses with a score of 3.0 or above in all four areas of training: Listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
• In the event that students do not meet the minimum grade at the conclusion of Second-year language study, they must consult with the director of the respective language program and work out a summer study plan that may include taking summer courses or studying on their own under supervision. These students must take a placement test before starting Third-year language study in the fall.
• Students who do not finish Third-year with a score at or higher than 3.0 in any of the four areas must also take a placement exam before entering Fourth-year.
• Students who have a time lapse (a semester or longer) since last being enrolled and wish to continue where they left off must also take a placement test.

Introductory Culture Courses Appropriate for First-year Students
(EALC majors must take one of the following 100-level courses on China and one on Japan, but non-majors and students at all levels will find these courses rewarding. Intro to Buddhism is listed as 200 level, but if appropriate for first-year students.)

EALC B110, Introduction to Chinese Literature (FALL Bryn Mawr, TTH 9:55am-11:15am, Taylor C) Students will study a wide range of texts from the beginnings through the Qing dynasty. The course focuses on the genres of poetry, prose, fiction and drama, and considers how both the forms and their content overlap and interact. No knowledge of Chinese is assumed or expected. S. Kwa

EALC H120 Chinese Perspectives on the Individual and Society (Haverford, Cross-listed in History, not offered 2015-2016)
The impact of the Confucian tradition on Chinese notions of the individual in traditional and modern China, as seen in philosophy, literature, and autobiographies. Particular emphasis is placed on the Confucian gender order and the enduring power of filial piety (xiao). Special attention is paid to the Confucian revival of the mid-imperial era (11th to 16th centuries) and to the 20th century, when Western imperialism, the Communist revolution, and the return of capitalism challenged traditional notions of the self in relation to the gender order, society and the state.
P.Smith
EALC B131 Chinese Civilization (SPRING Bryn Mawr, MW 1:10pm-2:30pm, room TBA)
A broad chronological survey of Chinese culture and society from the Bronze Age to the 1800s, with special reference to such topics as belief, family, language, the arts and sociopolitical organization. Readings include primary sources in English translation and secondary studies.
Y. Jiang

EALC H132 Japanese Civilization (FALL Haverford, TTH 1:00pm-2:30pm, Stokes 016)
A broad chronological survey of Japanese culture and society from the earliest times to the present, with special reference to such topics as religion, family structure, language, visual culture, and sociopolitical organization. Readings include primary sources in English translation and secondary studies.
E. Schoneveld

EALC H201 Intro to Buddhism (FALL Haverford, MW 1:00pm-2:30pm, Sharpless 412)
This course is an introduction to Buddhism with a focus on the East Asian Buddhist tradition. Students will learn the basics of Buddhist philosophy and doctrine and will also be exposed to debates in current scholarship on Buddhist Studies. We will examine Buddhism primarily as a textual tradition, but also as a lived religion.
K. Cheung (for 2015)

Major and Minor Curricula

EALC Major

I. Language Requirement (2 credits at third-year level)

We require EALC majors to demonstrate third-year-level competence in Chinese or Japanese, either by passing a placement assessment or completing the relevant third-year course (CNSE 101–102 or JNSE 101–102). The University of Pennsylvania offers Korean and Vietnamese language instruction, but these do not count towards the Bi-Co EALC major.

II. Three (3) Core Courses (3 credits), required of all majors:

We require that, beyond demonstrating language competence, EALC majors take THREE core courses from the following:

1. One 100-level course on China from among 110 (Introduction to Chinese Lit.), 120 (Individual and Society in China), or 131 (Chinese Civ.); and
2. One 100-level course on Japan from among 132 (Japanese Civ.) or a variety of new 100-level courses on Japan (currently being developed); and
3. EALC 200 (Methods and Approaches to East Asian Cultures).
   - EALC 200 is required of all EALC majors and minors. We urge majors to take 200 in the spring of their sophomore year; minors may take it during their junior or senior year.
   - EALC 200 is the designated departmental Writing Intensive course (30 pages of writing), which Bryn Mawr now requires of all departments. Students must earn a grade of 2.0 or higher to continue in the major and be eligible to write a senior thesis.
III. Three (3) Departmental Elective Courses (3 credits)

Majors must take THREE additional non-language courses offered by members of the Bi-Co EALC Department (Glassman, Jiang, Kwa, Schoneveld, Smith).
- When signing up for the major, students should work with the departmental co-chair on their campus to select courses that are intellectually complementary.
- At least one of these courses must be at the 300 level.

Majors cannot satisfy the Departmental Elective Courses by courses outside the department, or by taking courses abroad.

IV. Two non-departmental courses related to East Asia (2 credits)

In order to encourage a sampling of approaches to East Asia beyond EALC or the Bi-Co community, we require students to take two courses related to East Asia from the wider array of courses offered outside the Department and/or from study abroad courses that their advisor has approved.
- At least one of these courses must be at the 300 level.
- Students may not substitute these courses for the three Core and three elective courses the EALC faculty offers.

V. The Senior Thesis (1 credit)

We require students to complete a senior thesis (EALC 398, 1 credit). Although students will do the majority of their thesis during the Fall semester, they will complete and formally present final drafts early in the Spring semester.

EALC Minor

The EALC Department certifies three minors:
- Chinese language (advisor: Shizhe Huang) and Japanese language (advisor: Tetsuya Sato); these two language minors both require six language courses, and students may fulfilled them concurrently with the EALC major.
- EALC (advisors: EALC co-chairs), which requires six courses, all of which students must take from among courses the EALC departmental faculty offers. The mix must include EALC 200 and one 300-level course.

Bi-co EALC Faculty

Chinese Language Faculty

At Haverford
Shizhe Huang
C.V. Starr Professor of Asian Studies; Associate Professor of Chinese and Linguistics; Director of the Chinese Language Program
Tsung Tsai
Drill Instructor, Chinese Language Program
At Bryn Mawr
Changchun Zhang
Instructor, Associate Director of the Chinese Language Program
Tz’u Chiange
Senior Lecturer, Chinese Language Program

Japanese Language Faculty

At Haverford
Tetsuya Sato
Senior Lecturer and Director of the Japanese Language Program
Kimiko Suzuki Benjamin
Instructor, Japanese Language Program
Minako Kobayashi
Japanese Drill Instructor

Faculty in History, Literature, and Culture

At Haverford
Hank Glassman
Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Departmental Co-chair (Premodern
Japanese History and Culture, East Asian Religions)
Paul Jakov Smith
John R. Coleman Professor of Social Sciences, Professor of History
(History of China, East Asia, and the Global Order)
Erin Schoneveld
Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures (Japanese Art History, Literature,
Visual Culture, and Film)

At Bryn Mawr
Yonglin Jiang
Associate Professor of East Asian Language and Culture, Departmental Co-chair (History
of Chinese Law, Environment, and Human Rights)
Shiamin Kwa
Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures on the Jye Chu Lectureship in Chinese
Studies (Chinese Literature, Culture, and Film)