

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

About East Asian Studies

Welcome to East Asian Studies! If you want to understand the challenges our world is facing today—from climate change to population flows—you owe it to yourself to learn about the cultures and histories of Asia. At McGill, you can study the languages and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea with renowned faculty whose research extends across regions and disciplines, from Buddhist art to Japanese Anime, from Korean cinema to Chinese sci-fi. We offer general survey courses on Korea, China, and Japan as well as upper-level lectures and seminars on questions of media, gender, religion, archaeology, and critical theory.

At East Asian Studies, we believe that the first step towards gaining knowledge of the history, literature, philosophy, or film of any culture begins with a deep learning of languages. We offer small, hands-on, intensive language classes led by excellent teachers who are committed to every student's progress as well as to facilitating a vibrant community of collaborative learning. We also offer guidance and support for students interested in study abroad programs in other Asian cities.

Our graduate program offers both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Students conduct original research, working closely with faculty supervisors in their area of specialty. Guided by their advisors and the Graduate Program Director, graduate students select from a variety of courses, both inside and outside the department, to tailor the right training for their progress in their chosen research path.

Whether doing a minor, major, honours/joint honours, or pursuing graduate work, a degree in East Asian Studies will prepare you for future leadership roles in a variety of professions. Our graduates have successfully pursued careers in business, academia, law, the arts, and the sciences. Their background in East Asian Studies continues to spark life-long interests in comparative investigation of societies, politics, and art, fuelled by a commitment to understand the world through challenging familiar perspectives. We invite you to join us!

Available Programs

- East Asian Cultural Studies Minor Concentration (B.A.) (18 credits)
- East Asian Language and Literature Minor Concentration (B.A.) (18 credits)
- East Asian Language Supplementary Minor Concentration (B.A.) (18 credits)
- East Asian Studies Joint Honours Component (B.A.) (36 credits)
- East Asian Studies Major Concentration (B.A.) (36 credits)

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