

**PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

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**TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:**

Revision of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum in East Asian Languages and Cultures

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The degree requirements for the major in East Asian Languages and Cultures as described in the Programs of Study Catalog will be revised as follows

1. Change the language requirement for the degree from "30 hours of a single East Asian Language" to "one year of a single East Asian Language beyond the intermediate level";
2. Add one course to the Advanced Courses Category; and
3. Add a senior project agreement option as an alternative to the current requirement for completion of EALC 398 (Colloquium in EALC).

**JUSTIFICATION:**

1. Over the past decade the number of students entering the major with substantial language competence (from high school, study abroad or personal circumstances) has increased to the point that many place out of one or more years of language. Because the language requirement is currently couched in terms of hours rather than levels of competence, LAS requires that the student submit all 30 hours before the student can graduate. This new language wording requires the same level of competence, but eliminates the counting of hours.
2. Under the current rules, students must take four advanced courses (one of which is EALC 398 Colloquium in East Asian Languages and Cultures). We believe students could benefit from the addition of one more advanced level course to provide a more solid grounding in EALC.
3. The current requirement that students complete EALC 398 (Colloquium in East Asian Languages and Cultures) as a senior seminar. However, since we cover the cultures of China, Japan and Korea, the range of offerings in any one semester is limited and frequently students find themselves enrolling in a topical section that bears little relevance to their primary country of study or for which they are not really prepared. We propose to add an optional senior project agreement modeled on the Honors Agreement: the student chooses one course for which he or she is currently registered as a suitable topic and secures the agreement of the instructor to help the student identify and complete a special project relevant to the student's area of interest.

**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: none. All required courses are currently being offered on a regular basis and will not require additional staff.
- b. Internal reallocations: none. The addition of the senior project agreement will involve minimum additional faculty hours in the form of consultation with the student and supervision and evaluation of the project itself.
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments: none.
- d. Impact on library, etc.: none

**GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** Not applicable since this proposal does not affect the general education of the curricula under revision

**CLEARANCES:**

*Sharon Kelly* 11/2/05  
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures Date

*Anna M. Mat* 1/23/06  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Date

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Office of the Provost Date



## STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

East Asian Languages and Cultures  
[www.ealc.uiuc.edu/flashindex.html](http://www.ealc.uiuc.edu/flashindex.html)

The goal of this major is that the student gain an introductory knowledge of the civilizations of East Asia, a firm competence in an East Asian language, a solid familiarity with East Asian cultures through multiple disciplines, and a more advanced knowledge of the region including research and writing in a seminar or senior project. The major and minor, administered by the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, are useful for the student seeking a broad liberal arts education and preparation for graduate or professional study involving East Asia.

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

E-mail: [ealc@uiuc.edu](mailto:ealc@uiuc.edu)

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting course work normally equates to 37-57 hours.

General education: The LAS General Education requirements are set up so students automatically complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Hours	Requirements
10-30	One year of a single East Asian Language beyond the intermediate level (i.e., beyond CHIN 204 or CHIN 242; JAPN 204; KOR 204 or KOR 241). <sup>1</sup>
12	Disciplinary and period courses: <sup>2</sup> EALC 120-East Asian Civilizations or EALC 135 Understanding EA Culture & Society One course on East Asia dealing substantially with the period Before 1800 One course in East Asian History One course in East Asian literature
12	Advanced courses: Four non-language courses at the 300- or 400-level.
3	EALC 398-Colloquium in EALC or an approved senior project. <sup>3</sup>

1. Students testing out of the advanced language requirement (306-level) must take two additional non-language courses from East-Asian-related offerings.

2. No course may be counted more than once toward these requirements and at least two courses must be at the 200-level or above.

3. Students selecting the senior project option must submit to the Director of Undergraduate Study a proposal outlining the project to be undertaken, the course in which the project is to be completed and an agreement signed by the faculty member supervising the project.

Twelve hours of 300- or 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75hours). Please see your adviser.