INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The East Asian Religion, Thought and Culture (EALC) major trains students in the philosophical and religious traditions that help shape and inform the many aspects of East Asia’s diverse cultures. The major trains students in a way that is grounded in a familiarity with the texts, languages, and cultures of East Asian societies, while also examining how these traditions have been (and might better be) brought into humanistic disciplines.

UC Berkeley is a world-renowned center for the study of East Asian Humanities. Whether you want to master Chinese or Japanese, immerse yourself in the literary and cultural traditions of East Asia, absorb the profound insights of its philosophical and poetic texts, or come to a deeper understanding of the modern and contemporary histories and media cultures of this complex and vital region, EALC has something for you.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- If you are interested in language or culture and want to complement your studies of religion and philosophy, ask about our minors in Buddhist Studies, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan.
- If you are interested in the philosophy and religion of a specific culture, discuss a plan of study with your major advisor to create a focus through your upper division coursework.

“EALC not only nurtures me into a young scholar but also a more complete person.”

– Yisheng Tang, EALC student

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit ealc.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop in to 3413 Dwinelle Hall to speak with an advisor, call (510) 642-3480, or email questions to ealc-advising@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

For general information about the major, visit ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Visit the Institute of East Asian Studies, the C.V. Starr East Asian Library, and other Friends+Partners of EALC.
- Publish your work in the Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies.
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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers
Career in Corporate Environment
English Teacher
Import/Export Business

Graduate Programs
Business School
Law School
MA in Asian Studies
PhD in Buddhist Studies
PhD in Chinese

First Year
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10.
- Take a placement exam for the foreign language you choose to learn.

Second Year
- Complete the prerequisite lower division elementary foreign language sequence and one core course to declare the major.
- Begin the lower division intermediate foreign language sequence.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

Third Year
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Focus on upper division core, tools and methods, and supplementary disciplinary breadth core requirements.
- Ask your major advisor about the EALC honors program.

Fourth Year
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

Connect and build community
- Get involved with a student organization.
- Attend an internship.
- Participate in a career and graduate school fair.

Discover your passions
- Explore new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Attend a career and graduate school fair.

Engage locally and globally
- Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Asia with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Visit the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

Reflect and plan your future
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school.

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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