



Photo credit: Joon In

## 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](http://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-advicing@berkeley.edu](mailto:ealc-advicing@berkeley.edu).

### Advising Drop-In Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

For general information about the major, visit [ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate](http://ealc.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate).

## 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 [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](http://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

**Berkeley**

**East Asian Languages and Cultures**

3413 Dwinelle Hall  
Berkeley, CA 94720-2230  
[ealc.berkeley.edu](http://ealc.berkeley.edu)

# EAST ASIAN RELIGION, THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Bachelor of Arts

**Berkeley**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## 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.



Photo credit: Kayla Darwin

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

– Yisheng Tang, EALC student

## 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.

## 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**.

# EAST ASIAN RELIGION, THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Bachelor of Arts

## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
<b>Explore</b> your major	<p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in <b>L&amp;S 1</b> and <b>HUM 10</b>.</p> <p>Take a <b>placement exam</b> for the foreign language you choose to learn.</p>	<p>Complete the <b>prerequisite lower division</b> elementary foreign language sequence and one core course to declare the major.</p> <p>Begin the <b>lower division</b> intermediate foreign language sequence.</p> <p>Review the major guidelines for <b>study abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Review your degree progress with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b>.</p> <p>Focus on <b>upper division</b> core, tools and methods, and supplementary disciplinary breadth course requirements.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about the <b>EALC honors program</b>.</p>	<p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>	<p><b>Jobs and Employers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career in Corporate Environment</li> <li>English Teacher</li> <li>Import/Export Business</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business School</li> <li>Law School</li> <li>MA in Asian Studies</li> <li>PhD in Buddhist Studies</li> <li>PhD in Chinese</li> </ul> <p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>
<b>Connect</b> and build community	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b> and <b>L&amp;S Mentors Program</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Berkeley Language Center</b>.</p> <p>Sign up for the Buddhist Studies <b>email list</b>.</p>	<p>Join student groups like the <b>East Asian Union</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Institute of East Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Practice your language skills in the <b>SLC Language Exchange Program</b>.</p>	<p>Browse the <b>Friends + Partners</b> research institutes associated with EALC.</p> <p>Consider becoming a <b>Golden Bear Orientation Leader</b>.</p>	<p>Get support for your thesis project in the <b>Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p> <p>Join the <b>Association of Asian Studies</b>.</p>	
<b>Discover</b> your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> or student-run <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships</b>.</p> <p>Explore the collections of Berkeley’s C.V. Starr <b>East Asian Library</b>.</p>	<p>Continue exploring with a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b>.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b>.</p>	<p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in <b>HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All</b>.</p> <p>Find research and funding opportunities in the <b>OURS database</b>.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program</b> or <b>SURF</b>.</p>	<p>Teach your own <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Undertake an optional <b>honors thesis</b> or independent study.</p> <p>Publish your work in the <b>Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p>	
<b>Engage</b> locally and globally	<p>Attend the <b>Calpalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Asia with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Asian Art Museum</b> in San Francisco.</p> <p>Explore the <b>Oakland Asian Cultural Center</b>.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Apply to the <b>Boren, Freeman-ASIA, or Critical Language Scholarship</b>.</p>	<p>Engage with East Asian Cultures in the <b>Bay Area</b>.</p> <p>Experience life at another UC or college on a <b>visitor and exchange program</b>.</p> <p>Apply to become a <b>language tutor</b> within the department.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders Program</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as <b>Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State</b>.</p> <p>Apply to the <b>Fulbright ETA Program</b> to teach English in Asia.</p>	
<b>Reflect</b> and plan your future	<p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready</p> <p>Set up a <b>Handshake</b> account and sign up for <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b>.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Shadow alumni during a winter <b>externship</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p>	<p>Learn about <b>career fields</b> and conduct <b>informational interviews</b> with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b>.</p>	<p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	