ABOUT EALAC

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC) has long been recognized as an international leader in the study of the histories, literatures, cultures, religions, and languages of East Asia.

EALAC provides both an interdisciplinary East Asian Studies undergraduate major and concentration, which serve a wide variety of students seeking careers.

Majoring or concentrating in East Asian Studies will widen your understanding of human experience and prepare you for distinctive leadership roles in a variety of professions. Careers that our students have pursued include business, the arts, law, diplomacy, academia, medicine, journalism, fashion, and food. Whichever path you choose to follow, your background in East Asian Studies will help you embrace a future in which the Americas and East Asia will be even more implicated in our social and cultural lives.

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EALAC majors and concentrators study at least one East Asian language. The study of these languages is foundational to the study of East Asia and sheds light on both the remote past and the global 21st century. At Columbia, our language classes are small, our teachers outstanding, and the excitement sparked in the classroom can last a lifetime.


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- Chinese History, Literature, and Cultural Studies
- East Asian Religion
- Japanese History, Literature, and Cultural Studies
- Korean History, Literature, Religions, & Cultural Studies
- Tibetan History and Cultural Studies
- Vietnamese History, Literature, & Cultural Studies

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