

SENIOR THESIS PROGRAM

Looking for an enriching senior year experience?

Curious about a particular subject matter?

Want to take your writing skills to the next level?

You should apply for the Senior Thesis Program!

Participating in the Senior Thesis Program is an amazing opportunity to conduct research, explore a topic that you are passionate about in depth, and work one-on-one with an EALAC faculty member to develop your thesis from start to finish.

All East Asian Studies majors who are interested in writing a thesis should apply for the EALAC Senior Thesis Program at the end of their junior year. Students must have at least a 3.6 GPA in their major coursework at the time of the application.

REQUIRED COURSES

FALL SEMESTER (SENIOR YEAR)

EAAS UN3999 Research in East Asian Studies

Students will work closely with a graduate student advisor and faculty advisor to successfully complete a thesis prospectus.

SPRING SEMESTER (SENIOR YEAR)

EAAS UN3901 Senior Thesis

Students will work closely with a graduate student advisor and faculty advisor to complete their senior thesis.

Upon successful completion of their thesis, students may be eligible to receive Departmental Honors. However, please note that honors can only be awarded to a maximum of 10% of EALAC majors.

BENEFITS



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Writing a senior thesis is challenging, but also quite rewarding. After completing the thesis, students can feel a sense of accomplishment at creating something memorable.



MONETARY AWARDS

Students will participate in the Oscar Lee Symposium and receive the Oscar Lee award, which is a great resume booster! CC and GS students can also apply for a \$250 research stipend.



GRAD SCHOOL PREPARATION

Writing a senior thesis is essential in preparing for graduate level coursework and research in all fields. The senior thesis can be used as a writing sample for future graduate and professional school applications or employment opportunities.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

Confirm registration for EAAS UN3999 Research in East Asian Studies and attend a meeting with the DUS to discuss EAAS UN3999 expectations and timeline

DECEMBER

Thesis Prospectus Due

JANUARY

Confirm registration for EAAS UN3901 Senior Thesis and attend a luncheon with the DUS to discuss the senior thesis schedule

FEBRUARY

Presentation at the Oscar Lee Symposium

First Draft Submission Due

APRIL

Senior Thesis Due

Oscar Lee Awards

HOW TO APPLY

Checklist

- **Senior Thesis Application**
- Thesis Overview
- Writing Sample

Please submit all materials to the Academic Coordinator, Amber Adams (aa4617@columbia.edu), by Friday, April 2nd, 2021.