

Graduate Programs in Asian Languages and Cultures

M.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures • M.A.T.—Master of Arts in Teaching Chinese



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Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey offers an intensive immersion in the civilizations of China, Japan, and/or Korea. Students may choose courses from a wide and coherent curriculum including the following humanities disciplines: literature, visual culture, history, religion, language and linguistics. Rutgers has long been a national leader in the humanities, ranked as #9 by *Times Higher Education* (U.K.) in 2012.

M.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures

This program is designed for:

- Students preparing for professional careers in East Asia, in the government, non-profit organizations, or the culture industry
- Students interested in eventually pursuing a Ph.D. degree
- Current and prospective teachers
- Students seeking to develop an interest in East Asian cultures and languages

M.A.T. in Chinese

This program is designed for:

- Students preparing for careers in teaching Chinese language
- In-service K-12 teachers in the State of New Jersey seeking career advancement
- Students seeking to develop understanding and expertise in the field of language pedagogy

Degree Requirements

The completion of 30 credits (a minimum of 10 courses) is required of all students pursuing a master’s degree in Asian Languages and Cultures.

M.A. in East Asian Languages and Cultures

- All incoming students will take “Pro-seminar I: Critical Approaches to East Asian Studies.” This methodology course will familiarize students with the critical approaches and theoretical paradigms useful to analyzing East Asian history, religion, literature, and/or linguistics in a comparative framework.
- All students will take during their second semester of study “Pro-seminar II: Research Methodology,” a course designed to aid students in learning to utilize both traditional and newer research resources (e.g., electronic databases) and in developing strategies for writing their master’s paper. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss their research work and comment on each other’s work in a dynamic, interactive setting.

- Students may choose elective courses in their field of interest for the remaining credits.

Upon completion of all required coursework, each student will take a final examination, in consultation with the student’s advisor.

M.A.T. in Chinese

- All students will take at least 6 credits (2 courses) in teaching methodology.
- Students may choose among courses in language, linguistics, literature and culture for the remaining credits.

Upon completion of all required coursework, each student will produce a teaching portfolio, in consultation with the student’s advisor.



Program Features

Conveniently centered at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University, our graduate program draws on the strengths of a faculty with nearly twenty members working on various aspects of East Asian studies who have made major scholarly contributions to the field. The program offers courses on various disciplines and areas of East Asian cultures and civilization.

Sample Course Offerings

Courses are taught by full-time faculty members committed to teaching and advising. Small classes enable extensive and personal interaction between students and faculty.

Course offerings include:

- The Silk Road: A History of Cultural and Material Exchanges
- Classical Chinese Poetry and Poetics
- Modern Chinese Literature and Film
- Chinese Dialects and Sociolinguistics
- *The Tale of Genji* as World Literature
- Japanese Popular Culture
- North Korea in the Socialist World
- Social Movements and Civil Society in South Korea
- Critical Approaches to East Asian Studies
- Asian Language Pedagogy

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the master's degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures should have a GPA of at least 3.0. International students for whom English is a foreign language will need TOEFL or IELTS scores demonstrating English proficiency.

Application materials should include:

- Completed online application form
- Official transcripts from the colleges and universities the applicant has attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement (2 pages maximum)

Department Graduate Faculty

Faculty members have a strong research profile and have published widely in their fields.

- Young-mee Cho**—Korean Linguistics
- Jessey Choo**—Chinese History and Religion
- Jae Won Chung**—Korean Literature
- Jaehyun Jo**—Korean Linguistics
- Suzy Kim**—Korean History
- Peng Liu**—Chinese Literature
- Hieu Phung**—Vietnamese and Southeast Asian History
- Satoru Saito**—Japanese Literature
- Paul G. Schalow**—Japanese Literature
- Weijie Song**—Chinese Literature
- Wendy Swartz**—Chinese Literature
- Haruko Wakabayashi**—Japanese History
- Xiaojue Wang**—Chinese Literature
- Jenny Yang**—Chinese Linguistics and Pedagogy

- Writing sample (MA applicants only; 15-20 pp.)
- The application fee

Deadline for fall admission: **May 1**

Deadline for spring admission: **November 1**

Applications can be submitted online at:
gradstudy.rutgers.edu