

Master's Degree in East Asian Languages & Cultures



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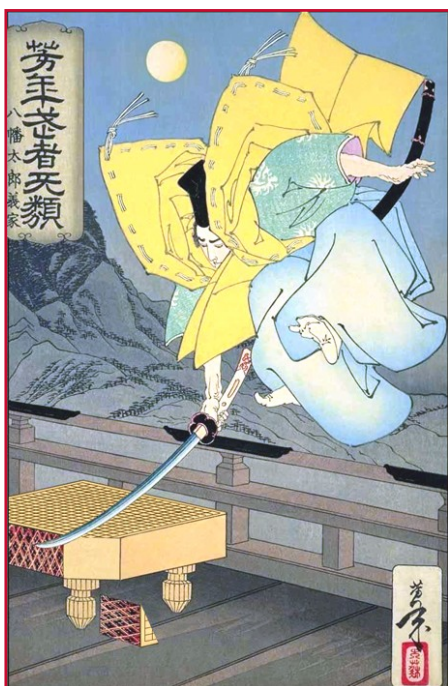


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School of Arts and Sciences

The East Asian Languages and Cultures Master's Degree Program at 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.

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



Program Features

Centered at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University, this master's degree 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.



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- **Strength of Scholarship.** Faculty have all made major scholarly contributions to a range of fields.
- **Commitment to Scholarship.** Courses are led by full-time Department of Asian Languages & Cultures faculty committed to teaching and advising.
- **Small Classes.** Enable extensive and personal interaction between faculty and students.
- **Research Resources.** As a major state university, Rutgers offers extensive resources to support graduate research. Rutgers is a member of the Association of American Universities—the nation-wide consortium of leading research universities—as well as the prestigious Committee on Institutional Cooperation, whose membership includes all Big Ten institutions and the University of Chicago.
- **Accessibility.** Program offers easy access to the Turnpike and NJ Transit.
- **Educational Value.** As the state university of New Jersey, a Rutgers education offers tremendous value.

Core Faculty

Young-mee Cho—*Korean Linguistics*

Jessey Choo—*Chinese History and Religion*

Suzy Kim—*Korean History*

Senko Maynard—*Japanese Linguistics*

Satoru Saito—*Japanese Literature*

Paul G. Schalow—*Japanese Literature*

Richard V. Simmons—*Chinese Linguistics*

Weijie Song—*Chinese Literature*

Wendy Swartz—*Chinese Literature*

Ching-I Tu—*Chinese Culture*



Online Applications

Pending state approval, applications can be submitted online beginning in May 2013:

<http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu>

Degree Requirements

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

Courses

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 will take at least one course outside of their primary East Asian country of specialization. Students may take courses related to their academic interests outside of the Department's program.

Language Requirements

Students will develop proficiency in their primary East Asian language. Proficiency is determined by the ability to use effectively primary sources in the original language (typically gained through three years of training, or the equivalent, in the targeted language). Students who plan on pursuing a Ph.D. degree upon graduation are encouraged to take a second East Asian language.

Master's Examination

Upon the completion of all required coursework, each student will take a final examination, which consists of a set of take-home essays based on the materials from a reading list compiled in consultation with the student's advisor.

Admissions

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the master's degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures should have a GPA of at least 3.0 and solid verbal and reading scores on the GRE exams.

International students for whom English is a foreign language will need TOEFL or IELTS scores demonstrating English proficiency.

Application Procedures

Application materials should include:

- A completed online application form
- Official transcripts from the colleges and universities the applicant has attended
- GRE scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- A personal statement (2 pages maximum)
- A writing sample (15-20 pages)
- The application fee

Deadline for fall admission: **August 1**

Deadline for spring admission: **December 1**

For More Information

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