

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Valparaiso University's Chinese and Japanese Studies Program is unique among colleges of Valpo's size in offering not only a comprehensive collection of courses on both China and Japan but also a full range of services to students across the whole campus. Established in 1986, the program has grown into one of the leaders in teaching East Asia at the undergraduate level. With a recent, generous grant from the Freeman Foundation, the program is set to become even stronger in offering Valpo's students valuable learning experiences that combining academic activities with extensive undergraduate research and internship opportunities both in the US and in East Asia.



Programs in Chinese and Japanese Studies provide an opportunity for students to focus their study on this important area of the world, by examining the history, culture, and religions of China and Japan, in addition to developing some proficiency in the Chinese and Japanese language. It provides essential background for students considering a career in education, business, government, or the arts related to the East Asian cultural sphere. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in overseas programs in East Asia, particularly at the University's exchange program at Zhejiang University and at Kansai Gaidai and Osaka International University in Japan. Courses taken in exchange programs may be used to fulfill major and minor requirements. Students completing the program in Chinese and Japanese Studies will have fulfilled major field requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree under the interdisciplinary program option. Students majoring in another field may fulfill the major field requirements by completing a second major or a minor in Chinese and Japanese Studies. All students taking a major in Chinese and Japanese Studies must have their schedules approved by the Chair of the Administrative Committee at the beginning of each semester.

All students taking a major in Chinese and Japanese Studies must have their schedules approved by the Chair of the Administrative Committee at the beginning of each semester. EAST 109, 110, 209, and 210 are offered only in China, where students attend language classes 15-18 hours per week. These credits may apply toward the general education foreign language requirement.

Major. A minimum of 53 credit hours, selected from the following list of courses approved by the Administrative Committee. A number of these courses may also be counted toward fulfillment of the General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. FLJ 101 and 102 may fulfill the Foreign Language Requirement; any of the theology courses may fulfill the Theology Level III Requirement; any of the history courses or PHIL 220 or 290 may fulfill the Philosophical and Historical Studies Requirement; ART 311 may fulfill the Fine Arts/Fine Arts-Literature Requirement; and any appropriate course may fulfill the Non-Western or Third World Studies requirement.

Other appropriate courses, including credits in supervised reading and research, may be substituted with the permission of the Chair of the Committee. Courses must include HIST 240 or GLST 150, HIST 341, 342, FLJ 101, 102, 203 and 204 or FLC 101, 102 (or EAST109 and 110), 203 and 204 (or EAST 209 and 210), FLJ 250 or 251 or EAST 390, POLS 335 or 490 (East Asia), THEO 363, EAST 493, and EAST 499 (up to 3 credits), plus 11-13 credits in elective courses.

Minor. A student fulfilling major field requirements in another field may pursue a minor in Chinese and Japanese Studies. The requirement for the minor is a minimum of 18 credit hours selected from the following list. Courses must include HIST 240 or GLST 150, HIST 341 or 342, FLJ 250 or 251 or EAST 390, THEO 363.

It is strongly recommended that the student also complete FLJ 101 and 102 or FLC 101 and 102 or EAST 109 and 110. Only one course in Japanese or Chinese language may be counted toward the Chinese and Japanese Studies minor.

Complementary Major. A student fulfilling major field requirements under a Major Option in another field may pursue a second major in Chinese and Japanese Studies. The requirement for the second major is a minimum of 37 credit hours selected from the following list of courses. Other appropriate courses, including credits in supervised reading and research, may be substituted with the permission of the Chair of the Committee. Courses must include HIST 240 or GLST 150, HIST 341 or HIST 342, FLJ 101, 102, 203 and 204 or FLC 101 and 102 (or EAST 109 and 110), FLC203 and 204 (or EAST 209 and 210), FLJ250 or 251 or EAST 390, THEO 363, EAST 493, EAST 499 (up to 3 credits), plus 1-3 credits in elective courses.

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