



“I want to be an environmental lawyer. I minored in EAS to learn how cultural, political, and historical factors influence environmental laws in East Asia.”

- SARAH, Environment and Resource Studies Major



Former language instructor Keiko Belair and her husband Charles Belair have been generous friends and patrons of the East Asian Studies program. In recognition of their financial support, the Keiko and Charles Belair Centre for East Asian Studies was named in their honour.

LEARN MORE ABOUT EAST ASIAN STUDIES:

The East Asian Studies program is delivered by Renison’s Department of Culture and Language Studies. The Department is multidisciplinary and provides courses in Applied Language Studies, English for Multilingual Speakers, East Asian Studies, Fine Arts, Religious Studies, and more. It is dedicated to supporting Renison’s commitment to “Global Engagement through Languages and Cultures.”

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East Asia is a major centre of international trade, culture, and inquiry. Examine the influences that have shaped and continue to shape its evolving identity and the roles it plays in a globalized world.

East Asian Studies (EAS) offers interactive and engaging learning environments for a deeper understanding of the languages, cultures, and societies of China, Japan, Korea, and the region as a whole. EAS offers you the opportunity to:

- Enhance your understanding of East Asian cultures
- Develop proficiency in East Asian languages
- Travel and acquire hands-on experience in our overseas exchange programs

EARN A MINOR OR DIPLOMA IN EAS

Waterloo students can earn a minor in EAS, while non or post-degree students can qualify for a Diploma. Students must successfully complete a minimum of eight courses and have a cumulative average of at least 65%.

- Introduction to East Asia
- FOUR EAST ASIAN LANGUAGE COURSES:
 - any language courses in CHINA, JAPAN, or KOREA
- THREE APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSES:
 - Any EASIA course
 - Selected courses from social sciences or the humanities

Approved courses are listed in the undergraduate academic calendar. For more information, visit ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca

YOU CAN ALSO EARN LANGUAGE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN CHINESE, JAPANESE, OR KOREAN.



AWARD WINNING LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Our students have won multiple provincial, national, and global Chinese, Japanese, and Korean speech contests. Our language courses build the foundation for communication skills by providing opportunities for active participation and practice.



CHINA SUMMER PROGRAM

Immerse yourself in Chinese language and culture with the China Summer Program. The program includes courses at Shanghai International Studies University, where you can learn Chinese and have lessons on calligraphy, paper cutting, Taiji (martial arts), and explore historical cities. This hands-on experience introduces you to China through its language, food, art, history, and people.

AREAS OF STUDY

EAS offers a wide range of courses to complement your academic studies. Our diverse course offerings range from contemporary popular culture to art, religion, and the politics of East Asia. Our courses help build the foundation for a career in foreign services, languages, and international business.

Interested in culture, religion, or film?

Course topics include:

- Monsters and magic in Japanese popular culture
- Korean popular culture
- Modern Chinese literature

Interested in business and politics in East Asia?

Course topics include:

- Politics and diplomacy of contemporary Japan
- Business environment in East Asia
- Chinese foreign policy post 1949

Interested in learning a new language?

From beginners to advanced students, we have offerings to match your level of experience. Languages include:

- Chinese (Mandarin) language
- Japanese language
- Korean language

TAKE A TRIP TO EAST ASIA!

You have access to exchange programs and study abroad opportunities in China, Japan, or Korea to make the most of your learning experience.



AN AUTHENTIC JAPAN EXPERIENCE

Discover Japan through diverse learning experiences. We offer short-term study abroad programs where you can have an authentic Japanese experience with a home stay family. Improve your communication skills with language courses, learn about culture through workshops such as the art of sado (tea ceremonies), or a culinary lesson on noodle making.



EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN SOUTH KOREA

Choose from a variety of universities in South Korea for an enriching cultural immersion through Waterloo's academic exchanges. You can earn credit while being abroad! Learn more at uwaterloo.ca/international