The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers new interdisciplinary M.A. and Ph.D. programs. Students may design their own courses of study that take advantage of the many opportunities on campus to do in-depth research on Asia from multiple disciplinary perspectives and across the traditional area studies divisions of East, South, and Southeast Asia. Students may also choose to focus their studies in a thematic track, such as: Asian religions; Asian medical and health humanities; and Asian rights, violence, and law. Initially working with two co-advisors, each student will craft a program of coursework that combines Asia-focused courses with disciplinary study in and beyond the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. This may include linkages with other departments as well as UW–Madison’s rich array of centers and programs, including the Center for Healthy Minds (https://centerhealthy.minds.org), Center for Visual Cultures (https://cvc.wisc.edu), Human Rights Program (http://law.wisc.edu/gls/human_rights.html), Religious Studies Program (http://religiousstudies.iss.wisc.edu), Center for East Asian Studies (https://eastasia.wisc.edu), Center for South Asia (http://southasia.wisc.edu), and Center for Southeast Asian Studies (http://seasia.wisc.edu).

We welcome applications from a wide range of students compelled to work transregionally, transdisciplinarily, or both. This includes students with a traditional background in Asian Studies and related academic fields as well as practitioners whose path to studying Asia has been through professional work.

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures anticipates the formation of a lively intellectual community around Transasian studies and looks forward to supporting student-led seminars, reading groups, workshops and other events.

**ADMISSIONS**

Thank you for your interest in our programs. The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) offers a graduate program in Asian Languages and Cultures (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/asian-languages-and-cultures), Chinese (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/chinese) and Japanese (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/japanese).

Prior to submitting application and materials, applicants should carefully review the information regarding the program of interest and the faculty’s expertise (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty) to determine the fit between their interest and the program. To this extent, prospective applicants may contact a specific faculty to discuss their research interest prior to submitting applications.

Applicants should also review the Graduate School’s admission process (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/asian-languages-cultures/asian-languages-cultures-phd/%20https://grad.wisc.edu/apply), Graduate School’s minimum requirements (http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements), and program requirements and information prior to submitting the online application and fee. The application fee cannot be waived or refunded.

**DEADLINES**

We accept applications for the fall term only.

In order to be considered for fellowships, project assistantships, and teaching assistantships (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/costs), all application materials must be in by January 10.

If you do not need any funding support, you may submit applications by April 15.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

New applicants to UW-Madison apply to programs through the Graduate School application process. Complete the online Graduate application (https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f) and select the Asian Languages and Cultures (major code 596) or Chinese (major code 171) or Japanese (major code 583) program.

If you are a currently enrolled UW-Madison graduate student and would like to add or change your current graduate program to Asian Languages and Cultures, Chinese, or Japanese, you do not need to fill out the online application. You will need to submit the following to the ALC Graduate Program Coordinator (1244 Van Hise):

- Grad School "Add/Change Program (https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/change-program)” form (click on link and look for form in the "Academic Forms" box)
- Letters of recommendation
- CV or Resume
- Statement of purpose

The applications from current UW–Madison graduate students will be reviewed every spring, together with new applications submitted.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic degree programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet requirements of both the program(s) and the Graduate School. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions).

**FUNDING**

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and processes related to funding.

**PROGRAM RESOURCES**

Students applying to the Department of Asian Languages and Culture and students currently enrolled in the department may apply for fellowship support. Most fellowships are handled through the department. However, some are available through sources outside of the department and have different application procedures.
Graduate Studies Costs

For tuition and living costs, please view the Cost of Graduate School page (http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/cost). International applicants recommended for admission to the Graduate School are required to show sufficient funds to attend the University during the course of studies (tuition, food and housing, incidentals and health insurance) to be officially accepted by the Graduate School.

Financial Assistance

Our department offers financial assistance in the forms of fellowships, teaching assistantships (TAships), and project assistantships (PAships). These positions are highly competitive as applicants are competing against other applicants across the department, and across campus in some cases. Please make note of the deadline of January 10 for financial assistance consideration. All necessary materials including test scores must be submitted by the deadline.

If you are an international applicant and receive a fellowship, PAship or TAship, please make note that you will likely be required to show additional financial documentation to meet the minimum required for your official acceptance to the Graduate School.

Fellowships. Students applying to the Department of Asian Languages and Culture and students currently enrolled in the department may apply for fellowship support. Most fellowships are handled through the department. However, some are available through sources outside of the department and have different application procedures. Some examples are as follows:

- **Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**: FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW’s National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.html), and are contingent on federal funding. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training. Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are two separate competitions requiring two separate and complete applications. Complete details about FLAS at UW-Madison are available on the FLAS FAQs (https://flas.wisc.edu/FAQS.html) (your first stop) and the FLAS Languages & Coordinators (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.html) pages (should you have additional questions).

- **Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF)**: This fellowship is awarded to highly qualified underrepresented students. To be considered for AOF funding, prospective students must be new to the Graduate School and be admissible to a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For further information: https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/oed/

Project Assistantships. Availability of PAship vary from one year to another, depends on the types of projects the departmental faculty are engaged in. PAs assist faculty members’ research projects and/or respond to some programmatic needs of the department and other campus units.

Teaching Assistantships. Availability and types of TAship vary from one year to another, depending on the department’s curricular needs and the student enrollment. TAs will support a number of our language and culture courses, typically team-teaching with faculty members. If you are interested in being a teaching assistant in our language programs, you must submit the TA application and necessary materials through the Graduate School application system by January 10.

Other Forms of Financial Aid: Loans and some on-campus job openings are handled through the Student Financial Services Office (https://financialaid.wisc.edu). Please contact them to obtain more information.

Please also refer to the Graduate School’s Funding Information for New and Current Graduate Students (https://grad.wisc.edu/studentfunding/currentstudents) page for additional information.

Students may also obtain information from the Grants Information Center (https://www.library.wisc.edu/memorial/collections/grants-information-collection) in the Memorial Library, Room 262, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706. Phone 608-262-3242.

If you encounter questions or difficulties with the application process, please contact the Graduate Coordinator at rweiss@wisc.edu.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/ #policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**MODE OF INSTRUCTION**

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**Mode of Instruction Definitions**

- **Evening/Weekend**: These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.
- **Online**: These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.
- **Hybrid**: These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.
- **Accelerated**: These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.
## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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### Assessments and Examinations

- The preliminary exam must be taken within 1 semester after completing doctoral coursework. Comprehensive written preliminary exams will be based on reading lists developed with the committee. These exams have four parts: general competence in major field; secondary field; theory and method; and specialized area of dissertation focus. The preliminary examination will be evaluated by a committee of at least three members (the co-advisors and an additional faculty member).
- Successful completion of the exam process will also require research language competence as demonstrated through examinations in one or more languages as determined by the advisors.
- A dissertation proposal must be approved within 1 year after completing prelim exams. An oral defense of the proposal will be evaluated by the committee.

### Language Requirements

- Additional language coursework beyond the M.A. requirements is not required in general, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by the advisors.

### Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements

- A doctoral minor is not a requirement, but a student, in consultation with their advisors, may choose to complete a minor.

### Required Courses

- At least 15 credits in Asia-related graduate courses in the department or elsewhere on campus
- At most 6 credits of other courses as approved by the advisors
- Additional language coursework beyond the M.A. requirements is not required in general, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by the advisors.

### POLICIES

## GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

## MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES

### GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

A Graduate Program Handbook containing all of the program’s policies and requirements is forthcoming from the program.

### PRIOR COURSEWORK

#### Graduate Work from Other Institutions

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions. Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

#### UW–Madison Undergraduate

With program approval, no more than 7 credits of graduate coursework (as defined above) completed while a UW–Madison undergraduate maybe counted to satisfy degree requirements. Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

#### UW–Madison University Special

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework (as defined above) taken as a UW–Madison special student. Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

### PROBATION

A semester GPA below 3.0 will result in the student being placed on department probation. If a semester GPA of 3.0 is not attained during the subsequent semester of enrollment, the student may be dismissed from the program or allowed to continue for one additional semester based on advisor appeal to the Graduate School.

### ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Starting fall 2018, all students are required to be supervised by co-advisors. One of the co-advisors must be a member of the Japanese program, but the other co-advisor can be identified from related fields outside of the Japanese program.

At the point of beginning work on the dissertation, a single dissertation advisor (most likely one of the co-advisors) may be chosen, or the co-advising arrangement may continue for the dissertation as well.

Dissertation committees must have at least four members representing more than one graduate program, three of whom must be UW–Madison graduate faculty or former UW–Madison graduate
development is available at Graduate Student Professional Development (http://grad.wisc.edu/pd). Students may keep up-to-date by reading GradConnections (https://grad.wisc.edu/new-students), the weekly newsletter for graduate students, and bookmarking the Events Calendar (https://grad.wisc.edu/events) to keep tabs on upcoming workshops of interest.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Demonstrate a thorough and in-depth understanding of research problems, potentials, and limits with respect to theory, knowledge, or practice in the selected area of the student’s focus.

2. Formulate ideas, concepts, designs, and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within the specialized field(s).

3. Create scholarship and advance knowledge that makes a substantive contribution to the field(s).

4. Articulate and communicate complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner to both specialized and general audiences.

5. Recognize, apply, and foster ethical and professional conduct.

**FACULTY**

Asian Languages and Cultures is home to nearly twenty faculty whose research and teaching specialties range from traditional medicine in India, the Hinduist roots of yoga, or diversifying contemporary mindfulness practice with insights from Tibetan Buddhism, to human rights in Thailand - from Chinese ghost stories, traditional poetics and philology, to sociolinguistics and discourse analysis of the Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian languages - and from analysis of classical Japanese tale fiction, early modern comedic narratives, manga, anime, and Japanese counterculture. Visit our faculty pages (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty) for more information on areas of expertise, current research, teaching and publications.

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