ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) at UW-Madison was established on July 1, 2016 merging the preexisting departments of East Asian Languages & Literature (EALL) and Languages & Cultures of Asia (LCA).

ALC is student-centered and driven by research that is integrated into the classroom. With thematic foci in Asian languages, linguistics and literature, Asian cultural studies, religions of Asia, and critical issues in contemporary Asia, we aim to teach students how to recognize and critically analyze the realities of past and present "Asia" as a region that is crucial to the global flows of people, materials, and ideas through its own rich complexity with deep interconnection across multiple domains. At the same time, within this context of connections across Asia, we also seek to promote deep learning and knowledge of particular languages, time periods, and places, since in order to understand transasian regional and global networks, our students also need to acquire specific cultural and linguistic competencies.

We encourage students to study Asia in a regional and comparative frame while cultivating scholarly capacities in particular aspects of Asian culture. To that end, we offer multiple degree options at the B.A. level, reflecting departmental research strengths that allow students to approach the study of Asian cultures, languages, media, religions, and critical social issues from a variety of perspectives. We seek to enhance both teaching and research through collaborations within the department and beyond, with particular emphasis on the development of robust connections with scholars at our peer institutions throughout Asia.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Chinese (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/chinese-ba)
Japanese (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/japanese-ba)

Forthcoming major (fall 2018): Asian Languages and Cultures

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Chinese (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/chinese-professional-communications-certificate)
Professional Communication (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/chinese-professional-communications-certificate)
Japanese Professional Communication (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/japanese-professional-communications-certificate)

DEGREES/MAJORS/CERTIFICATES

- Japanese, B.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/japanese-bs)
- Languages and Cultures of Asia, B.A. (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/languages-cultures-asia-bs)
- Languages and Cultures of Asia, B.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/languages-cultures-asia-ba)
- Languages and Cultures of Asia, B.A. (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/languages-cultures-asia-ba)
- Languages and Cultures of Asia, B.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/languages-cultures-asia-ba)

PEOPLE

FACULTY

Professors Bühnemann, Dunne, Huang, Huntington, Kern, McGloin, Mori (chair), Nienhauser, Zhang; Associate Professors Cerulli, D’Etcheverry, Geyer, Lim, Meulenbeld, Ridgely; Assistant Professors Yang, Zhu (Diversity Liaison); Faculty Associate Barnard, Nakakubo.

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Charo D’Etcheverry (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/charo-detcheverry) (Associate Professor). Area: Classical Japanese Literature

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Nicole Huang (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/nicole-huang) (Professor). Area: Transcultural East Asia; 20th century Chinese and Taiwanese Literature

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Mark Meulenbeld (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/maumten-nienhauser) (Associate Professor). Area: Daoism, Chinese Religion and Literature

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LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

Language instructors (http://alc.wisc.edu/about/language-instructors) are an integral part of our department, teaching more than 14 languages during the academic year from East (Chinese, Japanese, Korean), South (Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Urdu), Southeast (Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese) Asian Languages.

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