

The societies of East Asia have an enormous—and growing—impact on the world’s technology, politics, and culture. Understanding this region will prepare you for opportunities around the globe in any number of industries. Alumni have pursued careers as:

- Diplomats
- Marketing managers
- Engineers
- Physicians
- Journalists
- Professors

“ My East Asian Studies degree provided the cultural, historical, and political background of a region that still remains a mystery to many of us in the West. Not a day goes by when I haven’t used some facet of my studies in my daily interactions with fellow colleagues and partners in China, South Korea, and Japan. ”

Tim Liu, '04  
Business development director for Tencent, one of China’s largest internet companies

“ My studies have helped me immensely in understanding not only the intricacies of Japanese, but also the mechanics of how languages broadly shape the human experience. In my work for a Japanese mobile game company, I’ve used this knowledge in both expected and entirely surprising ways. ”

Chieze Okoye, '03, MA '06  
Producer, game design lead, DeNA West

# East Asian Languages and Cultures

**WHAT ARE THE DISTINCT—AND INTERSECTING—HISTORIES OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND KOREA?**

**WHAT ARE THE VALUES OF ZEN BUDDHISM?**

**HOW HAS CONFUCIAN THOUGHT SHAPED THE POLITICS AND TRADITIONS OF EAST ASIA?**



## FIND A FOCUS

East Asian cultures have an enormous impact on societies all over the globe. Taking courses in East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) provides you with an understanding of the history of this dynamic region and its role in today's world. You can also concentrate on a single country and its culture. EALC majors choose one of four tracks:

- East Asian Studies
- China
- Japan
- Korea

Then go further with thought-provoking courses like:

- *Everybody Eats: The Language, Culture, and Ethics of Food in East Asia*
- *Sex, Gender, and Power in Modern China*
- *Emergence of Chinese Civilization from Caves to Palaces*
- *Japanese Tea Ceremony: The History, Aesthetics, and Politics Behind a National Pastime*
- *Translating Cool: Globalized Popular Culture in Asia*

## MAKE CONNECTIONS

East Asian Studies reveals the patterns and trends that bind the region together. You will explore what makes these cultures unique and what they share. EALC is a broad, interconnected field that addresses all aspects of the region and brings together faculty and students across disciplines. As you build an academic foundation focused on East Asia, you will also be encouraged to incorporate your interests in science, technology, politics, art, economics, and more.

## EXPLORE OVERSEAS

Travel abroad and experience East Asian cultures while building your language skills. Through Stanford's Bing Overseas Studies Program, you can explore Kyoto, a vibrant city famous for its ancient shrines and also home to modern Japanese art and industry. Or take advantage of academic and business opportunities in China through Stanford's program in Hong Kong, one of the world's most dynamic centers of international commerce and cultural exchange.

You can also receive funding to study languages—including Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, and Korean—for a summer or a full year abroad. Or work in Shanghai, Seoul, or Tokyo through Stanford's Global Studies Internship Program.

**PICTURED:** *Technology and Media in Modern Japan* course in the archives of the East Asia Library