

# CHINESE AND JAPANESE

The Department of Chinese and Japanese provides students with a coherent study of a cultural region. This region primarily encompasses China, Japan, and Korea—countries that spring from a common historical experience and share many common values and traditions. For the language minors, linguistic studies is the focus of the curriculum. For the Chinese major, courses in English on East Asian and Chinese literature are offered. Students interested in East Asian political and social issues should consider the East Asian Studies major and minor.

## CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of beginning and intermediate Chinese language courses
2. Two six-unit courses in Chinese literature, taught in translation, selected from the following choices:  
*East Asian Classics in Translation, Classical Chinese Literature in Translation, Modern Chinese Literature and Cinema in Translation, Seminar in Chinese Literature*
3. Three six-unit courses in advanced Chinese, taught in Chinese from the following choices:  
*Advanced Communicative Chinese, Advanced Readings in Chinese, Tutorial Studies in Chinese, Internship in Chinese*
4. One senior-level independent study

## CHINESE LANGUAGE MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of beginning and intermediate Chinese language courses.
2. One advanced language course
3. An exit proficiency interview

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of beginning and intermediate Japanese language courses
2. Either *Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture* or *Introduction to East Asian Linguistics*, or the equivalent
3. One advanced language course or tutorial in the Japanese language
4. An exit proficiency interview

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students who have studied Chinese or Japanese in high school and who wish to study Chinese and Japanese beyond the beginning level are required to take a placement examination. They also are advised to consult with the department chair in order to ensure their proper placement in language classes.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Opportunities exist to study in both Chinese- and Japanese-speaking areas through programs in Beijing and Tokyo.

**China**—Based at the Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing, the Associated Colleges in China Program combines intensive Chinese language study with lectures on Chinese society, art, literature, and history. The program includes a weekly language practicum, visits with host families, and field trips to culturally and historically significant locations. The program is offered for a summer term, a semester, or an academic year. Previous language study is required.

**Japan**—This program places students at Waseda University's International Division in Tokyo, pursuing language study and Asian studies courses taught in English. A family-living experience in Tokyo provides an invaluable education in Japanese culture. The program is offered for an academic year. Previous language study is required.

IES Tokyo offers an opportunity to pursue contextual Japanese language study, English-taught program courses, integrated study in English at Kanda University, and an integrated seminar and field experience to introduce students

to Japanese social organization. Students are also placed in a home stay to facilitate language development. The program is offered for a semester or academic year. Previous language study is not required.

#### STUDY TOURS TO ASIA

Study tour opportunities to Asia were funded by a generous \$1.5 million grant from the Freeman Foundation in 2001-2005. Advanced students in Asian language and culture classes traveled to Asia for on-site study tours. More than 80 faculty participated on 4 faculty study tours and 140 students have participated on 16 student/faculty theme-based small study tours to various locations in Asia.

#### INTERNSHIPS

In 1996, the "Building Bridges through Practical Chinese" program was launched, with the support of a \$185,000 grant from the National Security Education Program (NSEP). Since then, eight Lawrence University students spent eight weeks immersed in China's corporate and professional community and participated in internship programs established by U.S.

companies that have operations in China. Internships are now offered for academic credit.

#### AFTER LAWRENCE

Justin Ritzinger, '99, Religious Studies Major, Chinese Minor. Received a Watson Fellowship for '99-'00 on Buddhist pilgrimages in China and Taiwan. Justin is currently pursuing Buddhist studies at Harvard University on a Mellon Foundation Scholarship.

Marjorie Liu, '00, Chinese Major. Completed law school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003. Author of paranormal fiction. Her first novel, *Tiger Eyes*, has won her numerous fans.

Bonnie Tilland, '02, Chinese Major. After teaching in Japan on the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, Bonnie is a Ph. D. student in anthropology and studying Korean at the University of Washington on a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship.

Alexander Wille, '04, Chinese Major, taught in Gifu, Japan, on the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. Currently in Taiwan studying Chinese at the International Chinese

Language Program at National Taiwan University. He is an M.A. student in Chinese literature at Washington University in St. Louis.

#### FACULTY

**Kuo-ming Sung**, associate professor of Chinese and Japanese National Taiwan University, B.A.; University of California, Los Angeles, M.A.; C.Phil., Ph.D. Interests: generative linguistics, comparative syntax, language pedagogy

**Hiroko Yamakido**, visiting assistant professor of Japanese Tsuda College – Japan, B.A.; New York – Stony Brook, B.A., Ph. D.

Interests: Japanese linguistics, morphosyntax, lexical semantics, Japanese language pedagogy

**Jane Parish Yang**, associate professor of Chinese and Japanese Grinnell College, B.A.; University of Iowa, M.A.; University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D.

Interests: classical and modern Chinese literature, Chinese children's literature, foreign language pedagogy, translation