



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Rename the MA in East Asian Studies as the MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures

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COLLEGE CONTACT: Kelly Ritter, Associate Dean for Curricula and Academic Policy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ritterk@illinois.edu, 333-1350

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The EALC Department proposes to rename our current MA in East Asian Studies as the MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

JUSTIFICATION: Our proposed name change would be consistent with the naming used by our peer institutions in Departments of East Asian Languages and Cultures throughout the US. Leading public universities in the field such as Indiana University and University of California at Berkeley typically offer different degree programs for those pursuing academic and professional careers. These degree programs, tailored for different audiences, also have distinct names. The MA programs in East Asian Languages and Cultures are by and large specialized degree programs for those who plan to proceed to the PhD in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. By contrast, the MA in East Asian Studies typically offers preparation for further study in business, international law, political science, or for a career in business or government where language and regional expertise are important.

Our current MA program is not a stand-alone program for graduate students pursuing a professional career but rather the first two years of the PhD program in East Asian Languages and Cultures. This degree is intended primarily for those seeking a teaching or academic career in the field of Chinese, Japanese, Korean languages or cultures. While a small number of graduates end their study at the MA level and do not continue to the PhD level either because they decide not to continue or because they are not accepted into the doctoral program, they constitute a minority in our program.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- 1) Resources—There will be no budgetary implications to this change.
 - a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

- b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity?
 - c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.
 - d. Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program.
- 2) Resource Implications-- This change will not have any impact on faculty resources.
- a. Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.
 - b. Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units. (*A letter of acknowledgement from units impacted should be included.*)
 - c. Please address the impact on the University Library
 - d. Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.)

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2019

STATEMENT FOR ACADEMIC CATALOG:

Overview Tab:

Head of Department: Robert Tierney
Director of Graduate Studies: Chilin Shih
2090 Foreign Languages Building
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Major: East Asian Languages and Cultures
Degrees Offered: M.A.

Major: East Asian Languages and Cultures
Degrees Offered: Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: [Medieval Studies](#) (Ph.D.), [Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education](#) (Ph.D. only)

Graduate Degree Programs

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures offers academic programs in the languages and the humanistic cultures of China, Japan, and Korea, and of the East Asian region as a whole, leading to the Master of Arts in East Asian Languages and Cultures and the Doctor of Philosophy in East Asian Languages and Cultures.

www.ealc.illinois.edu/programs/graduate/

Admission

Applicants are expected to have a strong background in at least one East Asian language; normally, this means a minimum of two years of formal study. Applicants to the graduate program must submit an application for admission online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply) and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of reference completed by teachers, advisers, or recent employers, and a 10-20 page writing sample. Original transcripts (with English translations if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should be sent to:

SLCL Graduate Student Services
3070 Foreign Languages Bldg.
707 S. Mathews Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required and should be submitted to institution code 1836. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 103 on the internet-based test (iBT) for admission with full standing; they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c). Students with a B.A. or B.S. only should apply to the M.A. Applications are accepted for fall admission only. Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student Services at slclgradservices@illinois.edu.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program. Therefore, applicants are requested to include information on teaching background as part of the application, and students can normally be expected to teach at least one semester as part of their graduate experience. Non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability.

www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm

Financial Aid

The Department makes every effort to assist graduate students in securing financial aid. Financial aid packages usually combine some form of fellowship support with teaching or research assistantships in a manner that allows for both teaching experience and timely completion of the degree. Financial aid for graduate students in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures may include:

- University Fellowships
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
- University Dissertation Completion Fellowships
- Minority Academic Partnership Plan (MAPP) Fellowships
- teaching assistantships
- research assistantships

All awards of financial aid are made following competitive application.

<https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/>

Masters's Tab:

Master of Arts in East Asian Languages and Cultures

Thesis Option

Course List		
Code	Title	Hours
Two 500-level courses in the major field including one course designated as a research seminar in which the student produces a research paper using Asian language sources.		8
EALC 500	Proseminar in EALC	4
Distribution requirements. a minimum of two (8 hours) 400- or 500-level courses that are: 1. outside the major field of interest. 2. in an East Asian culture other than the major areas of interest. 3. in a Second Period (modern or premodern)		8
Elective hours		8
Language Requirement: Candidates must demonstrate a knowledge of one East Asian language at the fourth-year level by satisfactory completion of appropriate (400-level) coursework or examination and passage of a written examination covering material studied while in residence.		
EALC 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	4
Total Hours		32

Other Requirements¹

Grad Other Degree Requirements	
Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department's guide to [Graduate Programs](#) and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

Non-Thesis Option

Course List		
Code	Title	Hours
Two 500-level courses in the major field including one course designated as a research seminar in which the student produces a research paper using Asian language sources.		8
EALC 500	Proseminar in EALC	4
Distribution requirements. a minimum of two (8 hours) 400- or 500-level courses that are: 1. outside the major field of interest. 2. in an East Asian culture other than the major areas of interest. 3. in a Second Period (modern or premodern)		8
Elective hours		12
Language Requirement: Candidates must demonstrate a knowledge of one East Asian language at the fourth-year level by satisfactory completion of appropriate (400-level) coursework or examination and passage of a written examination covering material studied while in residence.		
Total Hours		32

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Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
M.A. Examination	
Minimum GPA:	2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department's guide to [Graduate Programs](#) and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

CLEARANCES:

Signatures:

Rich Jones

EALC :

Jeanette Hill

SLCL:

Kelly Ritt

College Representative:

[Signature]

Graduate College Representative:

3/15/18

Date:

3/15/18

Date:

3-29-18

Date:

4/20/18

Date:

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AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

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601 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820



August 21, 2018

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the Master of Arts in East Asian Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Ritter
A. Elli
R. Tierney
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April 20, 2018

Kathy Martensen
Office of the Provost

Dear Kathy,

Included is a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to **“Rename the MA in East Asian Studies as the MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures”**.

The proposal was received on March 29, 2018 and reviewed at the Graduate College Executive Committee meeting on April 20, 2018. The committee approved the proposal without revision.

We have found that this proposal meets the standards of Graduate Education at Illinois and we now forward for your review.

Sincerely,

John C. Hart
Executive Associate Dean
Graduate College

c: K. Christianson
K. Stalter



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Office of the Dean
2090 Lincoln Hall
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March 29, 2018

Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko
Dean, Graduate College
204 Coble Hall MC-322

Dear Dean Chodzko-Zajko:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Rename the MA in East Asian Studies as the MA in East Asian Languages and Cultures

Please let me know if you have any questions on this proposal. This proposal is now ready for review by the Graduate College for proposed implementation Fall 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Ritter".

Kelly Ritter
Associate Dean

enclosure

C: Professor Robert Tierney
Professor Jean-Philippe Mathy