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## Interdisciplinary Master's Program in East Asia Profile

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The Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures (EALL) offers an interdisciplinary Master of Arts in East Asian Studies (IDMA), focusing on either China or Japan.

### PROGRAMS OFFERED:

<u>Major Field of Study</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Avg. Fall Student Applicants</u>	<u>Avg. New Students Enrolled</u>	<u>Average Yearly # of Degrees</u>	<u>Yearly Average Enrolled</u>	<u>Average Percentage of Women</u>
Interdisciplinary in East Asia (Japan or China)	MA	41	3	3	7	62%

### Recent MA Placements:

- Office of the U.S. Joint Chief of Staff (promoted to rank of Lt. Colonel)
- Teaching Japanese Language at Frick International School in Pittsburgh
- Signia Partners in Washington, DC as China liaison
- Adult Education Program Coordinator for the Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens in Florida
- Director, External Affairs, Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Bibliographic Services/Systems Librarian at University of Hawai'i
- Practice Development Manager with the Shanghai office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP
- Assistant Director of (CNAPS) at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC
- Assistant Professor, William Paterson University (NJ)
- China Studies Program, based at Xiamen University in southern China
- Business Manager, Embassies Division of Operations and Maintenance Directorate of PAE, a Lockheed Martin Company
- PhD student at Carnegie Mellon University
- Research Fellow at the University of Toronto's [Citizen Lab](#), an Open Technology Fund Information Controls Senior Fellow, and author of [Blocked on Weibo](#).

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must have completed two years of Chinese or Japanese study at the college level to be considered for admission to the IDMA, and they must continue their language study as part of their graduate work. Three years of college-level language study or its equivalent is necessary to fulfill the language requirement for the degree.
- Students must specialize in an interdisciplinary topic related to either China or Japan in an area of specialization that matches that of the East Asian faculty.
- Students must submit official GRE and TOEFL (where applicable) scores; a Statement of Purpose that describes how the IDMA can fulfill the applicant's academic and intellectual goals; transcripts from all

undergraduate and graduate work with an overall QPA of at least 3.0; and three letters of recommendation. All international applicants, even those currently in the United States at other institutions, must submit the International Graduate Student Supplemental Application Packet (available on-line at <http://www.deall.pitt.edu/idma/idma-admissions>).

**Admission Deadline:** January 15th

<p><b>Average GRE's of Entering Students:</b></p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Verbal</td> <td>153</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quantitative</td> <td>158</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Analytical</td> <td>3.8</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Is the GRE Subject Test Required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:</p> <p>⇒ Part-Time Study? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⇒ Evening/Weekend Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available?</p> <p>With Advance Planning: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:</p> <p>Part-Time: 0                      Full-Time: 30</p> <p>Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100%                      <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 50%</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 50-99%                      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Some receive funding as GSAs from the Asian Studies Center. One or two Mitsubishi/JISF fellowships is available for the first year (and sometimes for the second year) depending on merit and availability of funds. NB: Graduate Dean's office offers in-state tuition to three incoming IDMA students. A student may be supported only up to two years. Students must reapply each year.</p> <p>Last Revised: October 2015</p>	Verbal	153	Quantitative	158	Analytical	3.8	<p>How many years of support guaranteed from department: None</p> <p>Are Departmental Awards Available to Master's Degree Students? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Yes, through the Asian Studies Center's annual scholarship competition (see <a href="http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc">www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc</a>, choose Financial Aid for descriptions).</p> <p><b>Special Program Highlights:</b></p> <p>One of the best interdisciplinary MA program in the nation (faculty quality, cost, excellent placements). Chinese, Japanese, and Korean film festivals. Abundant lecture series, some exclusively with an Asia focus; other disciplines with frequent Asia focus. Excellent East Asian library; services of Asian Studies Center.</p> <p><b>Current Research Interests of Department's Faculty:</b></p> <p>⇒ Chinese Literature, Film, Poetry, and Popular Culture</p> <p>⇒ Japanese Modern, Contemporary Literature, Film, Linguistics, Classical Japanese, Cultural History, Intellectual History</p> <p>⇒ Korean Linguistics and Culture</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The program is interdisciplinary; therefore a student can study in any field that the ASC faculty do research in, so research interests are far wider than departmental research interests.</p>
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