

# EAST ASIAN STUDIES, MINOR

A Minor in East Asian Studies offers students an opportunity to complement their academic Major with an interdisciplinary exploration of one of the world's most important regions. This program, which draws upon faculty and courses from many departments, is aimed at preparing students to better understand the history, languages, cultures, and political systems of China, Japan, and Korea. It affords them the opportunity to study Asian art, Eastern philosophies and religions, international relations, and the languages of Eastern and Central Asia, among other subjects. The latter component is designed to introduce students to one of the languages of East Asia, as well as the cultures and social customs of that region. Japanese and Mandarin Chinese are the only East Asian languages currently offered at NJCU. Other languages spoken in the region, such as Korean and Cantonese, may also be accepted to satisfy this requirement. Depending on their proficiency level, students may be exempted from taking one or both courses in the area of language. Proficiency can be demonstrated through language tests that would result in six or more course credits from NJCU, such as the CLEP or the OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview).

The Minor in East Asian Studies consists of a 18-credit sequence that includes two semesters of language study and four elective courses.

| Code  | Title                                 | Credits   |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Required</b>   |                                       |           |
| Take 6 Credits in Language  |                                       | 6         |
| LANG 141  | Elementary Chinese I <sup>1,2</sup>   | 3         |
| LANG 142  | Elementary Chinese II <sup>1,2</sup>  | 3         |
| OR  |                                       |           |
| LANG 117  | Elementary Japanese I <sup>1,2</sup>  | 3         |
| LANG 118  | Elementary Japanese II <sup>1,2</sup> | 3         |
| OR  |                                       |           |
| Equivalent credits in another language of East or Central Asia (Korean and Cantonese) may be substituted in lieu of these languages   |                                       |           |
| <b>Restricted Multidisciplinary Electives</b>   |                                       |           |
| Select 12 credits out of the following courses:   |                                       | 12        |
| ART 269   | Asian Art                             | 3         |
| ART 275   | Japanese Popular Culture and Art      | 3         |
| ENGL 342::ASIAN   |                                       |           |
| ETHN 115  | The Asian-American Experience         | 3         |
| HIST 166  | Introduction to Asian Civilizations   | 3         |
| MEDI 351  | Cinema & Media Studies: Asian Film    | 3         |
| PHIL 217  | Eastern Philosophy and Religion       | 3         |
| POLI 223  | Government and Politics of Asia       | 3         |
| <b>Confucius Institute Internship (Optional)</b>  |                                       | <b>3</b>  |
| Students are encouraged to substitute one of the Multidisciplinary Electives with an internship with the Institute. The nature of this Internship will be determined by the student and the advisor with the approval of the Confucius Institute director |                                       |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |                                       | <b>18</b> |

<sup>2</sup> The language requirement may be waived if a student demonstrates intermediate-level proficiency in any East Asian language that is approved by the World Languages and Cultures Department

<sup>1</sup> Elementary Chinese I & II and Elementary Japanese I & II are the only East Asian language sequence offered at NJCU.