

CEAS FAO Graduate Student Handbook

Introduction:

The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) M.A. in Contemporary East Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary area studies program focused on 20th and 21st century East Asia that provide students with in-depth interdisciplinary knowledge of the modern history, politics, economy, and society of one East Asian country; broad knowledge of modern East Asia; and social science research skills and methods appropriate to international area studies. It is designed so that students with prior language training will be able to complete the degree in 12 months.

FAO MA Track:

FAOs interested in the CEAS M.A. program in Contemporary East Asian Studies will apply for [Foreign Affairs Studies \(FASt\): Contemporary East Asia in a Global Context](#). The FASt concentration will require FAOs to complete 30 credit hours (10 courses): four required core courses and six elective courses including at least three courses on the FAO's East Asian countries of concentration and at least two courses on a separate East Asian country. A wide range of course options across academic disciplines will enable FAOs to develop expertise in their target country while also enhancing their regional knowledge and global perspectives.

With the creation of the FASt M.A. concentration on Contemporary East Asia in a Global Context, KU is one of the few universities in the United States to offer a 12-month M.A. program designed for FAOs focusing on East Asia.

Prerequisites:

To be considered for admission to the M.A. program in Contemporary East Asian Studies, students must meet the following criteria:

- B.A. or B.S. degree or the equivalent
- Minimum 3.0 grade-point average on a 4-point scale in their bachelor's degree
- Proficiency in an East Asian Language at the second level for the FASt concentration

Prospective students who do not meet these prerequisites may be admitted provisionally or on a probationary basis for a limited time until they clear their provisional or probationary status.

Application Instructions:

To apply to the CEAS M.A. program in Contemporary East Asian Studies, submit an application and supporting documentation online through the [Office of Graduate Studies Application](#) website. Before applying, please be aware that the following items will need to be uploaded with the online application:

1. A two-page statement of purpose explaining your educational and academic objectives.

2. One official transcript for all post-secondary education.
3. Three letters of recommendation, each accompanied by the [Graduate Letter of Recommendation Form](#).
4. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) result. All applicants including international applicants are required to submit a GRE score from the General test (verbal, quantitative, analytical writing).
5. International students must submit TOEFL scores taken within the past two years. [The Applied English Center](#) may also require incoming international students to complete an examination to show their English proficiency upon arrival in Lawrence. Information about the minimum acceptable English scores is available through the KU [Office of International Programs](#) and through the [Office of Graduate Studies](#).
6. A writing sample that demonstrates your writing skills and basic research capacity.
7. A current C.V. (Curriculum Vitae) or resume.
8. An application fee paid by credit card or by electronic check (For the amount, check [here](#). Domestic applications are normally \$55 and international applications are normally \$65).

Although **May 1** is the final deadline for submitting an application for a Fall semester start, our graduate committee will complete a first round review of applications on or before April 1. To ensure that your application is included for first priority consideration, please ensure that all materials are received no later than **March 15**.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Fall semester admission. However, it may be possible for students to begin the program in the Spring or Summer semesters. Please contact the Director, Dr. Megan Greene at mgreene@ku.edu or the Assistant Director, Dr. Ayako Mizumura at mizu@ku.edu to discuss this option.

M.A. Program Course Requirements for the FASt concentration

Usually students selecting this concentration will enter the program with at least two years of college-level training in an East Asian language and have lived in the country of focus for at least six months. Students in this concentration seek to understand their country of concentration within a regional or global context. All candidates for this concentration are required to complete 30 semester hours of graduate credit, including A) 4 required core courses, B) 6 elective courses and C) language requirement at a satisfactory level.

Course Name	Credit Hours
CEAS 700 Contemporary East Asia	3
GIST 701 Approaches to International Studies	3
GIST 710 Interdisciplinary Research Methods for Global Contexts	3
CEAS 802 Research Seminar	3
Total	12

B) Electives

Course Name	Credit Hours
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<p>Students will take 6 elective courses on East Asia (for a full list of electives, see Courses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 3 courses on a country of primary focus (China, Korea, or Japan) • A minimum of 2 courses on other East Asian Countries • No more than 3 courses in a single discipline • At least 4 courses must be in the social sciences or business • No more than 2 courses can be on the pre-modern period (before 1900). 	18
Total	18

C) Language requirement

Course Name	Credit Hours
Student must have competency in the language of the elected focus area at level-2 proficiency (4 semesters). Course hours will depend on level of proficiency on entering the program.	0-20
Total	0-20

Academic Advising:

Graduate students must see the CEAS graduate advisor every semester to plan your course of study to finish the degree in timely manner. The graduate advisor will handle all academic questions relating to your study in the M.A. program in Contemporary East Asian Studies.

CEAS Graduate Advisor

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If you wish to learn more about the coming FAO M.A. program in Contemporary East Asian Studies at the University of Kansas, please contact:

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To learn more about the admission criteria and application process, please go to [How to Apply](#).

Related Links:

[Graduate Studies Student Resources](#)

[Academic Calendar](#)

[University of Kansas Office of Graduate Military Programs](#)

[FAO home page](#)

[Foreign Area Officer Association](#)

Program Supervision:

The CEAS Graduate Committee is responsible for making decisions and overseeing matters concerning graduate admission and policies for the M.A. Program in Contemporary East Asian Studies (for more information, please read [By-Laws](#)).

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All graduate students are responsible for informing themselves of requirements of Graduate Studies as stated in the most recent issue of the *Graduate Catalog*, which is available on the Graduate Studies website at <http://catalog.ku.edu/>. Graduate students are bound by the rules and regulations of the University of Kansas. The *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities* is available at <http://www.vpss.ku.edu/rights.shtml>. When rules are violated and disciplinary action is necessary, the penalties imposed may include warning, probation, suspension, and expulsion.

Student Grievance Procedure

Pursuant to Article XIV of the University Senate Code and Articles V and VI of the University Senate Rules and Regulations of the University of Kansas, Lawrence, the Graduate School establishes the following procedures to hear the individual grievances of graduate students. A graduate student who believes himself or herself to be unfairly or unlawfully treated in an academic matter may present a grievance to the academic department or program chair. Each academic unit and all Graduate Divisions have established grievance policies and procedures. Appeals of a grievance heard at one of these levels is to the Judicial Board. These procedures shall not be used to hear disputes assigned to other hearing bodies under USSR Article VI, Section 4.

Applying for the degree:

Apply for the degree through [Enroll & Pay](#)

For questions, contact the Registrar's Office, 151 Strong Hall, 785-864-4422.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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