The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) promotes a broad knowledge of and deep engagement with the languages, literatures, and cultures of China, Japan and Korea. We emphasize the common inheritance and enduring legacies of these countries, as well as the varied experiences of diverse groups within their ever-changing societies and communities. EALC offers BA programs in Chinese and Japanese, and minors in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) also offers a 24-credit undergraduate certificate program.

Programs

Major

- Japanese Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/japanese/japanese-major/)

Minor

- Japanese Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/japanese/japanese-minor/)

Advising

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To review the academic plan for this major, go to arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans (https://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans/).

Opportunities

Undergraduate Research Experiences

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has implemented an Annual SLLC Undergraduate Research Forum which allows its outstanding juniors and/or seniors to display their research projects. The forum takes place in late April in the Language House (St. Mary’s).

Internships

Annual Language Career and Internship Fair

Each fall semester, SLLC organizes a Language Career and Internship Fair in conjunction with the UMD Career Center. For more information see the SLLC website: sllic.umd.edu (http://sllic.umd.edu).

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

Individual SLLC departments hold annual induction ceremonies for students who are eligible for honor society membership. The Japanese program participates in the College Chapter of the Japanese National Honor Society (https://www.aatj.org/jnhs/), which is overseen by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ). Eligible students are inducted in the spring semester just prior to their graduation.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers a variety of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs, and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: financialaid.umd.edu (http://financialaid.umd.edu). For information about Japan-specific scholarships for study abroad, please see the “Opportunities” section of the Japanese major page of the catalog.

Awards and Recognition

The Undergraduate Committee organizes an annual awards ceremony to celebrate SLLC students who have earned SLLC, campus and/or national scholarships, and academic achievement awards. The awards ceremony takes place in conjunction with the annual SLLC Undergraduate Research Forum.