

MARSEA

Master of Arts in Regional Studies—East Asia



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The Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University administers the Master of Arts in Regional Studies—East Asia (MARSEA) program through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for those wishing to focus on a social science approach to modern East Asia at the master's level. The program provides interdisciplinary training (intensive exposure to the politics, international relations, modern history, culture, and society of the region) with a country or area of focus. The program, completed in two full-time semesters, is tailored to meet the needs of individuals entering professional careers, mid-career professionals, students preparing for entry into doctoral programs, and those pursuing a professional degree, such as the J.D. or M.B.A., who want to gain regional expertise.



LOCATION

Nestled within one of the world's greatest and most diverse cities, Columbia's MARSEA program offers unparalleled access to international expertise. Resources available to the academic community include Columbia University's renowned C.V. Starr East Asian Library and the Institute's extensive ties to the business, diplomatic, legal, and media communities in New York City, the nation, and abroad. This dedication to East Asian Studies at Columbia has been recognized by a wide variety of funding sources, including the U.S. Department of Education, which, since 1960, has designated Columbia as an East Asian National Resource Center.

For a comprehensive guide to the MARSEA program, please visit <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/marsea.html>



STUDENTS' COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The MARSEA program prepares graduates for careers in academia, government, the private sector or non-profit work. After the MARSEA program, students can join the [MARSEA] alumni network to connect to career services, programming, events, and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute and Columbia University community.

"The MARSEA program introduced me to many areas of study like gender theory, art history, and classical Chinese, which I then integrated with my training in international and East Asian history. MARSEA exposed me to different fields that I had no opportunity to explore at the undergraduate level."

-Ruoqi Tan, MARSEA '12, Ministry of Education, Singapore

"With its strong faculty and wide range of courses available, the MARSEA program allows students to take a multi-disciplinary approach to the region/country they are specializing in. The student diversity offered by New York City and Columbia complements the comprehensive education in the MARSEA program."

-Doreen Koh, MARSEA '12, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, International Relations Division

"The MARSEA program's extensive resources and flexible curriculum allowed me to take control of my academic career by tailoring a schedule unique to my needs. I was able to enhance my existing knowledge of two East Asian languages while simultaneously focusing on a region's history, politics, and culture. As a result, I landed my dream job working for a Columbia alum at an international relations think tank in New York City."

**-Francisco Cadavid, MARSEA '12,
Program Assistant for the East-
West Institute, China Division**

"During my time as a MARSEA student, every professor I met gave me unrelenting support to grow intellectually and pursue my passions. The lectures and programs held at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute provided me with the opportunity to explore new ideas and take my writing in a direction that was interesting and original."

**- Sung Eun Kim, MARSEA '11,
Journalist at the Public Affairs
Office, Korean Augmentation to
the United States Army, 19th
Expeditionary Sustainment Com-
mand, South Korea**

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the China, Japan, Korea, or Tibet Program

- Proficiency equivalent to the third-year level of Chinese, Japanese, or Korean, or the second-year level of modern Tibetan. The language requirement may be met through coursework or by passing a language placement examination at Columbia.
- Two courses in the modern history of the appropriate country or area (same as that of language proficiency). Comparable work may be substituted with written permission of the Institute director.
- Six regional courses selected from at least two different fields: at least one of the six courses must focus on an Asia Pacific country or sub-region other than the student's country or area of specialization. These courses must include at least two colloquia and/or seminars and are drawn from a wide range of offerings in anthropology, business, economics, history, international affairs, literature, law, political science, and sociology. Courses



dealing with the region as a whole or dealing with the region's relations with other countries or regions may also be taken to fulfill this requirement. Students taking an East Asian language at the fourth-year level or above may count two semesters of language toward this requirement.

- Two elective courses not necessarily related to East Asia.
- Minimum of 30 credits in total (approximately ten courses)
- A master's thesis

The requirements listed must be fulfilled in accordance with Graduate School of Arts and Sciences degree requirements.

No credits from an outside institution and no undergraduate courses will be counted toward the degree requirements.

Thesis

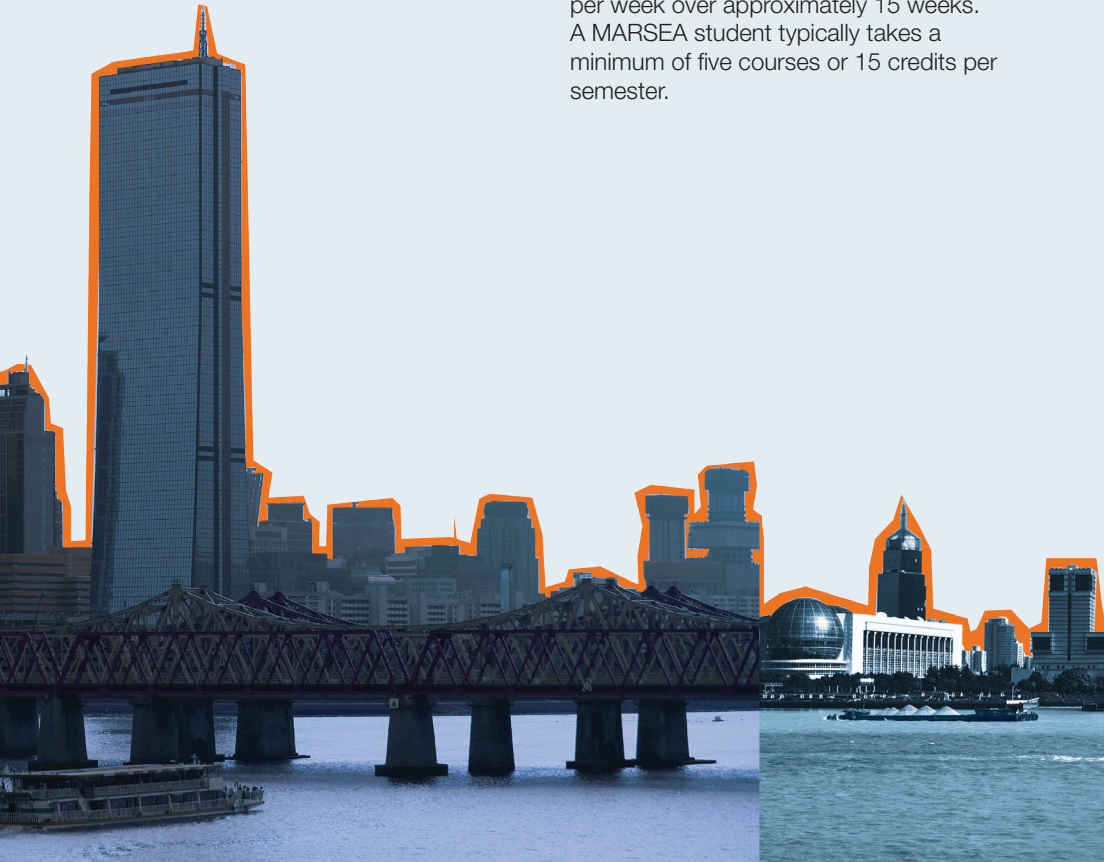
The master's thesis must be at least thirty pages in length and deal with a modern or contemporary topic in the social sciences that focuses on East Asia. It must substantially incorporate the student's country or area of focus, although other countries or areas can be addressed in the paper.

Residence Units

Students are required to complete two residence units at Columbia University. One full residence unit is equivalent to full-time registration for one semester.

Credits/Points at Columbia

A one semester course is typically worth three credits, and meets for three hours per week over approximately 15 weeks. A MARSEA student typically takes a minimum of five courses or 15 credits per semester.



APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

Please apply to the MARSEA program through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS). Applications are due January 15 with rolling admission until April 15 for the fall semester and October 15 for the spring semester.

Applicants must submit an application at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas> as well as hard copies of three letters of evaluation, transcripts, and standardized test scores.

Questions regarding the admissions process should be directed to the GSAS Office of Admissions at 212-854-4737 or gsas-admit@columbia.edu

MARSEA Application Checklist

- Application for Admission
- Statement of Academic Purpose
- GRE Scores
- TOEFL Scores (for non-native English speakers)
- CV/Resume
- Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Evaluation
- Writing Sample
- Application Fee

AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ALP)

For students who wish to improve their written or spoken English language skills, courses are available during the summer and academic year at Columbia's American Language Program. For more information, go to <http://www.ce.columbia.edu/alp/>.

FINANCIAL AID

The Weatherhead East Asian Institute offers a limited number of merit-based fellowships each year for incoming master's students. Applicants to the MARSEA program who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents can apply for the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS), graduate loans, and the Federal Work-Study Program. All applicants are encouraged to seek outside funding. For details, please visit our website.

For information on graduate loans and the Federal Work-Study Program, contact the GSAS Office of Financial Aid at 212-854-3808 (general number) or <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/>.



ASIA RESOURCES AND CENTERS AT COLUMBIA

[Weatherhead East Asian Institute](#)

Since its establishment in 1949, the Institute has been an interdisciplinary center for modern and contemporary East Asia research, studies, and publication at Columbia, covering China, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Mongolia (Inner Asia), Tibet, and, increasingly, the countries of Southeast Asia. The Institute brings together over fifty faculty and research scholars from Columbia's Schools of Business, Law, International and Public Affairs, Arts and Sciences, and Barnard College.
<http://www.columbia.edu/weai>

[Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures \(EALAC\)](#)

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures is a center of humanities, teaching, and research focused on the cultures of China, Japan, and Korea.
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac>

[C.V. Starr East Asian Library](#)

The C.V. Starr East Asian Library houses one of the major collections of East Asian materials in the United States, with nearly one million volumes of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mongol, Manchu, Tibetan, and Western-language materials and over 8,000 periodical titles. <http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/eastasian.html>

[Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture](#)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/dkc>

[APEC Study Center](#)

<http://www7.gsb.columbia.edu/apec/>

[Center for Chinese Legal Studies](#)

http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/chinese

[Center on Japanese Economy and Business](#)

<http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/cjeb>

[Center for Japanese Legal Studies](#)

http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/japanese

[Center for Korean Research](#)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ckr>

[Center for Korean Legal Studies](#)

http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/korean

[Institute for Medieval Japanese Studies](#)

<http://medievaljapanesestudies.org>



FACULTY

PAUL ANDERER *Fred and Fannie Mack Professor of Humanities and Professor of Japanese Literature, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures*—Modern Japanese literature, film, and cultural criticism; narrative topography; city cultures; modern tragedy

CHARLES K. ARMSTRONG *The Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Studies in the Social Sciences, Department of History; Director, Center for Korean Research*—Modern East Asian political and social history; Korean history; U.S.–East Asian relations; international history

ROBERT J. BARNETT *Director, Modern Tibetan Studies Program; Adjunct Professor of Contemporary Tibetan Studies; Associate Research Scholar*—Culture and politics; film and television in Inner Asia; nationality issues in China

LISBETH KIM BRANDT *Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures*—Modern Japanese cultural and social history

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CHRISTOPHER L. HILL *Adjunct Associate Research Scholar*—Realism and modernism in Japanese fiction; history of social thought

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HIKARI HORI *Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures*—Japanese film, visual culture studies, gender studies, and feminist and critical theories

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DUNCAN MCCARGO *Senior Research Affiliate, Weatherhead East Asian Institute; Professor of Southeast Asian Politics, University of Leeds*—Politics of Thailand; comparative politics of Southeast Asia

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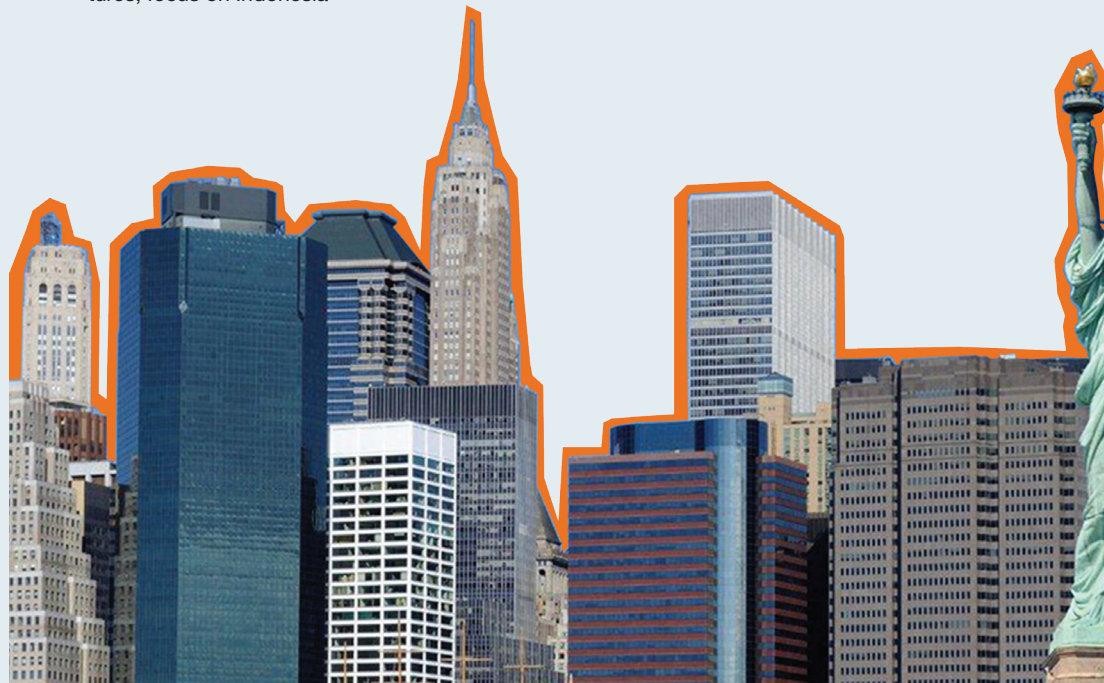
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