

Admission:

Admission to the joint degree program would come after students have matriculated through the usual procedures into the Program in Cinema and Media Studies (CMS) or the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations (EALC). Students may apply to enter the joint degree program at the end of their first year or later in their academic career. Students with an area studies background would apply initially to EALC; students with a cinema and media studies background would apply initially to CMS.

To gain admission into the joint program, a student would make an appointment to discuss the application process with the Dean of Students. The student would then submit an application for the joint program, endorsed by two faculty members, one from EALC, and one from CMS, to the Dean of Students, who would in turn forward the application to a faculty committee on East Asian Cinema. The members of this committee, appointed by the chairs of EALC and CMS, would typically consist of four members (two from EALC and two from CMS) or three members (one from EALC, one from CMS, and one joint appointment). After obtaining approval from this committee, the application would be presented to the full faculty of both CMS and EALC for final ratification.

Course requirements:

The current requirements before taking qualifying examinations are as follows: CMS requires 16 courses (11 from CMS), some of which may be satisfied by prior graduate work. It also requires proficiency in French or German as well as one other language. Three courses are required: a Methods and Issues in Cinema Studies course and a two-quarter sequence in international film history. EALC requires 18 courses over 2 years, including a Directed Translation, and two East Asian courses that focus on an area other than that of the main region of specialization. EALC normally requires that two East Asian languages be studied, but alternative languages can be substituted on approval.

The joint degree program generally adopts the more stringent requirements of each unit: 18 courses are expected over the first two years and should include the CMS Methods and Issues class, the International Film History sequence, and two East Asian courses outside of cinema studies. Language study would be required in each quarter of residence for those who need it, and summer programs or intercalated year-long programs would be recommended when necessary. In addition, students coming to CMS with a strong interest in the joint degree program but without requisite language skills would be advised to begin their language training in the summer before matriculating into the initial degree program. The primary language would be in the area of the research specialization and the secondary language would be chosen according to the specific research project. French or German would not be required, nor would a second East Asian language.

Qualifying Examinations:

Students in the program are required to take two sets of qualifying examinations, one in EALC and one in CMS, following the normal procedure, format, and expectations required in each unit. Students may do two separate fields with a single faculty member, one as part of the EALC examination and one as part of the CMS examination. The order would be decided by the student in consultation with faculty. Students in the joint program should work closely with their advisors to coordinate their studies such that they are prepared to take the two qualifying examinations in relatively quick succession. Passing each examination would entail passing all fields. Students have to pass both sets of examinations to continue in the joint degree program. Failed examinations can be retaken only once. Once successful, the student puts together a committee and a dissertation proposal, and goes on to researching and writing the dissertation. One dissertation is submitted to both departments.

Typical course of study:

First Year in CMS:

Nine courses: the three required CMS courses; film courses and seminars in the area of specialization. Students admitted to CMS without fourth year proficiency in the main research language would take language classes each quarter. Students would be expected to earn a high B or an A to show satisfactory progress. Courses cross-listed in both CMS and EALC would count only once but satisfy distribution requirements on both sides. The first year of primary language training does not count toward these course requirements. Any student entering CMS who intends to enter the joint program but who has not yet studied an Asian language would be strongly encouraged to begin their language training in the summer.

First Year in EALC:

Students admitted to EALC would be required to take the CMS Methods and Issues class, supplemented with electives in CMS and EALC. Students would be advised to take at least one East Asian class outside of their area of intended specialization. The International Cinema sequence is not required of first year EALC students intending to apply to the Joint Program. All other classes would be decided in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

Second Year (admitted to Joint Program):

Along with electives that fill out their research interests and help define the fields of their qualifying examinations, in year two students from EALC would fulfill the International Cinema requirement (if not taken in year one) and satisfy the requirement to take courses that focus on areas other than those of the anticipated research project's main focus. Students admitted from CMS would satisfy the requirement to take courses that focus on East Asian areas other than those of the anticipated research project's main focus. Those classes are not limited to CMS and EALC courses and will be decided in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

Students who are not native speakers would be required to test to fourth year proficiency in the primary language before proceeding to the qualifying examination; the secondary language would be tested to a minimum of second year level. The secondary language would usually be studied only after the required proficiency in the primary language has been achieved. The first year of any language training would not count toward fulfilling the required 18 courses for students in the joint program.

Second Year (not admitted to Joint Program):

Along with electives that fill out their research interests and help define the fields of their qualifying examinations, in year two students from EALC not admitted to the Joint Program would fulfill the translation requirement and satisfy the requirement to take courses that focus on areas other than those of the anticipated research project's main focus. They would also plan their future language training to satisfy the EALC requirement that they study two East Asian languages, unless a substitute language is approved. The student would then be in good standing to proceed with the EALC degree. Students from CMS not admitted to the Joint Program would continue to take courses in CMS and would satisfy the CMS language requirement by studying French or German along with the Asian language already undertaken. The student would then be in good standing to proceed with the CMS degree.