“I chose to study at Sheffield because I’d heard great things about the University from students who were already studying here.”

Migle Promoskalyte
BA Korean Studies with Japanese

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Why study East Asia?

East Asia’s rich history, vast populations and diverse cultures make it a fascinating area of study. Its growing economic power and influence also make it an important pathway to employment. Study China, Japan or Korea and you’ll start to open up these avenues.

China is the world’s most populous country and has emerged over recent decades as an economic superpower. Chinese is truly a world language, being spoken also by many millions of people in the Chinese Diaspora. As China plays an ever more important role in the world, studying China and the Chinese language will open up windows of opportunity to you as you embark on your career.

Japan is the world’s third largest economy and is the source of fascinating cultural traditions and technological innovations. Japan will remain key to the long-term prosperity of the Asian region and is likely to redefine its political role in line with this reality.

Recent political developments on the Korean Peninsula make this a fascinating region to understand. In a little under four decades, the Republic of Korea has been transformed from a war-ravaged, agricultural country into one of the leading trading nations and economies of the world.

Studying East Asia will prepare you for a career in the world’s most exciting region – one which accounts for £69 billion of the United Kingdom’s foreign trade. By studying an East Asian language, together with one or more East Asian societies you will gain a clear advantage in a competitive job market.

Studying East Asia is more than just a career option; it is a chance for you to understand over 30% of the world’s population and cultural traditions that are thousands of years old. By considering how people in China, Japan or Korea see the world, you will develop comparative skills of analysis that will contribute to your development as an individual.

“...Learning Japanese is challenging, but incredibly rewarding and I’m loving every week of it. The lecturers make every lesson entertaining and fun and have an obvious passion for teaching us Japanese.”

Meredith Graham
BA Japanese Studies
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Top-quality teaching
The quality of our language teaching has been recognised by a number of independent bodies and as one of our students you will benefit from being taught by native speakers in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Our teaching is also research-led, which means that you will be taught by some of the world’s leading experts in the politics, international relations, sociology, economics and history of modern East Asia. You will also be learning from some of the cutting-edge research that they are conducting in these and other fields.

A focus on contemporary East Asia
We place particular emphasis on the study of East Asia today, using modern Chinese, Japanese and Korean texts in language classes, and focusing in other modules on the region as it develops. Our focus on contemporary East Asia is also one of the reasons behind the Year Abroad. This is an integral part of our four-year degree programmes, which will give you a unique experience of living in China, Japan or Korea.

A focus on practical skills
The skills you will acquire throughout your studies with us are both useful in the East Asian context and transferable. You will develop skills in presentation, analysis, research and cross-cultural communication, which will serve you well in whatever career you choose to pursue after graduation – be it in the UK, Europe, East Asia or beyond.

Studying East Asia at Sheffield
The School of East Asian Studies (SEAS) at the University of Sheffield is one of Europe’s leading centres for teaching and research on East Asia.
The National Student Survey shows that SEAS is consistently highly rated by its own students. In 2015, 93% of our students said that they were satisfied with the quality of the teaching on their course putting us joint top for East Asian Studies in the UK.

"I was struck by the genuine interest shown in students by tutors and non-academic staff alike at SEAS. It wasn’t long before myself and my classmates were on first name terms with the majority of lecturers, whose personal investment in us provided a great deal of inspiration and encouragement."
Joseph Tame graduated with a degree in Japanese Studies and now works for the Overseas Broadcasting Centre in Tokyo as an instructor liaison.
Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the country, and is renowned for its friendly ‘village atmosphere’. It also has some of the lowest student living costs of any city in the UK. Moreover, Sheffield is the UK’s greenest city, with 150 woodlands and 50 public parks. A third of the city is located within the Peak District National Park, which makes it the perfect place for walkers, climbers and anyone who loves the outdoors.

Along with the National Peak District on our doorstep, Sheffield also has a buzzing city centre full of big brand high street shops, niche independent stores, plenty of cafes and coffee shops, stylish restaurants and bars, award winning theatres, a busy nightlife and a legendary music scene which is sure to cater to everyone’s taste.

The University of Sheffield is one of the leading Russell Group universities and was ranked No. 1 in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2014-15, meaning that if you study here you will get one of the best student experiences in the UK.

Our Students’ Union

The Students’ Union is an important part of your student experience. It has a lot to offer including study space, a cinema, cafes, shops, bars and night clubs as well as vital support services.

There are over 250 student-run clubs and societies that you can get involved with or you can start your own!

Our East Asian Studies Society (EASsoc) is very active, organising lots of social and educational events throughout the year. The University also has active Chinese, Japanese and Korean student societies open to anyone with an interest in these countries and their culture.

Find out more at [www.sheffield.ac.uk/union/](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/union/)

“Personally, I love photography and Sheffield is one of those places I’m still going to be exploring in my fourth year and finding new beautiful spots to capture! The Peak District is so close – I say definitely take advantage of this!”

Megan Eustace
BA Chinese Studies
Learning a language

SEAS has achieved a worldwide reputation for teaching Chinese, Japanese and Korean. There are a number of special features about our language programmes that help us maintain our reputation for excellence.

Learning ‘from scratch’
Many of our undergraduate students are studying an East Asian language for the first time, and we structure our courses with this in mind. You do not have to have studied a foreign language before in order to apply for our programmes. We also welcome students who may have had some experience of learning Chinese, Japanese or Korean prior to coming to us, as we can tailor our courses to meet different learning needs.

Small-group teaching
We believe in the importance of language teaching in relatively small groups, which means you will have plenty of chances to practice with your classmates and gain feedback from your tutors. It also makes for a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Native and non-native speakers
You will be taught by specially-trained native speakers of Chinese, Japanese and Korean for much of your first year. In later years, however, you will also be taught by non-native speakers who have been through the same process of learning the language and have special insights into the challenges you might face.

Speaking, listening, reading and writing
Our language courses aim to develop all of your language skills from the very first year of study. You will have plenty of opportunities to talk and write in your chosen language, but also to translate, and summarise materials, or watch and discuss films and television programmes. Specialist skills such as interpreting are also taught on some courses.

Intensive instruction
The instruction in our courses is intensive as we aim to give you the opportunity to achieve an advanced level of proficiency in your chosen language by the time you graduate. Students on all courses regularly take the highest levels of the international Chinese, Japanese and Korean proficiency tests.

Non-specialist options
If you decide to focus your degree on East Asian culture and society, instead of language, through one of our East Asian studies courses you can still take non-specialist language modules which allow you to learn Chinese, Japanese or Korean at a less intensive pace.
Studying East Asian Culture, History and Society

Your degree will involve social science and humanities training as well as language acquisition. Whether you are looking at things from the point of view of a career or from an academic perspective, knowledge of the society, culture and history of China, Japan or Korea and the region as a whole is crucial.

Our Studies Modules are all taught in English, and cover a wide range of topics, spanning the entire East Asian region from history and politics to business, linguistics and modern cultures. They are a major part of your degree, and enable you to develop important transferable skills in writing, research, presentation and analysis.

Modules are taught by experts who publish regularly in fields ranging from Chinese literature and Korean business, to Japanese politics and international relations in East Asia. Teaching is integrated so that the knowledge you gain in language modules can be applied to studies modules – and vice versa.

There are also opportunities to take modules which cover topics which may not be the main focus of your degree.

“The chance to study Chinese society, culture, politics and economy has given me an understanding of China that language alone cannot provide. For these reasons my degree has distinguished me from the crowd of graduates and driven my career forward at an accelerated rate.”

Carl Shieber graduated with a degree in Chinese Studies and went on to work for Sheffield United FC where he managed relations between Sheffield and the club’s affiliate in China, the Chengdu Blades, and is now Head of Group Coordination.
Our Courses

We offer a wide range of degree programmes, meaning you can focus specifically on the study of a particular East Asian society or the East Asian region as a whole in one of our Single Honours programmes, or combine an existing interest in business management, history, music or a European language, with the study of China, Japan or Korea in a Dual Honours programme.

Our degree courses are either four years long if you are learning an East Asian language, or three years if you are focusing your studies on the social sciences’ aspects of the East Asian region in one of our East Asian Studies programmes.

A key choice facing you when coming to SEAS will be whether to study a Single Honours or a Dual Honours degree. Both have their advantages, depending on your interests and career plans.

Single Honours
— A single honours degree gives you the opportunity to go into greater depth in studying the country and language you have chosen. Unlike a student taking dual honours, you will have room to study more modules on your chosen country in addition to the language.
— A single honours degree allows you more unrestricted modules which you can use freely to follow your own interests, such as another language, politics or history modules.

Dual Honours
The breadth of scope in dual and major/minor degrees means that you’ll need to develop good communication and organisational skills. These will help you whether you choose to enter the job market or continue your studies at the end of your course.

When you graduate you’ll also have greater freedom of choice if you do decide to carry on your studies beyond degree level. You’ll be able to choose between further study in either one of your original subject areas or conducting research on a topic that combines both.

The difference between ‘and’ degrees and ‘with’ degrees.
— ‘And’ degrees involve roughly equal study of each subject. On the SEAS side your studies will involve the intensive language course including the Language Year Abroad.
— ‘With’ degrees have more of a ‘major/minor’ pattern, meaning you will spend around 60% of your time in one subject and 40% of your time on the other. For example, if you chose BA Russian with Japanese you would spend 40% of your time studying Japanese with a less intensive language programme, without the extra year spent in Japan.

Degrees with Employment Experience
All of our degrees can be converted at a later date to a degree “with Employment Experience”. This offers you the opportunity to further develop your knowledge, skills and understanding within an employment context by undertaking an additional one year work placement as part of your programme.

Find out more here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/seas/undergraduates/experience
BA Chinese Studies

UCAS Code – T110
Entry Requirements (A Level) – ABB
Duration – 4 years (including a year in China)

Why study China?
China is one of the world’s great powers and one of the world’s largest and fastest growing economies. It is also home to one of the world’s great cultural traditions and most complex and rapidly changing societies.

The study of China and the Chinese language will open windows of opportunity for you to take advantage of careers with the many domestic and international companies and institutions that are doing business or working with China, in manufacturing, services and cultural or educational exchange. China today faces both the global challenges of the twenty-first century – climate change, population change – and the local challenges that arise from dramatic social change and the legacies of the turbulent twentieth century.

Year 1
You will have core modules in Chinese language during both semesters. You will be taught in small group language classes by specialist language tutors and be supported by our innovative Virtual Learning Lab.

You will also be offered a choice of social science and humanities Studies Modules on a range of subjects including Chinese culture and history.

Your year in China
Your second year is spent studying at the University of Nanjing, one of China’s top universities. Many students feel that this year of their degree is absolutely key to their development as an expert in the country and its language: it is a fantastic opportunity that should not be missed!

Year 3
You will work on a balanced programme of language and Studies Modules. In language classes, you will work on a range of contemporary social, political and economic topics through a wide variety of sources including newspapers, literature, government documents, films and TV.

In the studies programme, you will be able to choose from specialised modules on urbanisation, the business environment, and the histories of China’s twentieth-century revolutions.

Year 4
You will begin to work on advanced language skills such as interpretation and take advanced modules on topics such as population and environment, law and business, and social commentary in Chinese independent documentary film.

A major part of your final year will be your dissertation on a topic relating to China. You will work with a supervisor and use your language skills and the analytical skills you have gained through your studies modules to produce a high-quality piece of research.

Examples of past topics
- Mental illness in China
- Gender stereotyping in modern China
- Primary education and illiteracy in China

Dual honours degrees with Chinese Studies:

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BA East Asian Studies

UCAS Code – T300
Entry Requirements (A levels) – ABB
Duration – 3 years

Why Study East Asia?
East Asia is one of the most dynamic areas of the world and is set to become the world’s dominant economic region in the 21st century. Britain and Europe will be left behind if they don’t strengthen their expertise on this vital area. In addition to its economic importance, the East Asian region is home to some of the world’s greatest cultural traditions. Studying East Asia will help you to find jobs and pursue careers relating to this region.

Years 1 and 2
You will focus your studies on the contemporary development and modern history of East Asia, taking core Studies Modules covering East Asia as a whole and optional modules which specialise in either China, Japan or Korea and cover topics such as history, society, politics, business and literature. These modules involve lectures on specific themes, and seminars or tutorials in which you discuss these themes with tutors. Whilst this degree does not have a core language component you will have the option to take non-specialist language modules in Chinese, Japanese or Korean if you wish. This degree is highly flexible and offers you a range of options which you can tailor to your own interests and career aspirations.

Year 3
In your final year, an important component of your degree will be a dissertation on a topic of your choice relating to one or more East Asian countries. You will work on the dissertation over the course of the year with a supervisor from the department, using the analytical skills you have developed through your studies in earlier years to produce a high-quality piece of research.

Examples of past topics
— International relations in East Asia
— Gender and sexuality in East Asia
— The portrayal of North Korea in western media

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“My favourite thing about my course is that the modules build upon one another - something that you learned about Korea in your first year could be relevant to Japan or China in your final year. East Asian countries are so intertwined with each other, similar but different, and discovering those nuances is fascinating. Plus, I really love 20th Century East Asian history and politics, and there are a plethora of modules to choose from relating to those.”

Isadora Cassidy da Silva
BA East Asian Studies
Your year in Japan

You will spend your third year at one of our partner universities in Japan. Whilst there you will continue to take intensive courses in Japanese language, building on the skills you have learned during your first two years in Sheffield. You will also have the opportunity to take a range of Japanese studies modules. As well as studying, this is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Japanese culture and explore the country.

Year 4

Back in Sheffield, language will continue to form an important part of your studies, focusing on the most likely uses for your language skills post-graduation, such as rapidly absorbing the content of Japanese texts, summarisation skills and unseen translation under time constraints. Furthermore, you will be trained on how to take on a job interview in Japanese. You will also take modules relating to more specialised areas of study such as ‘Japanese Popular Culture’ or ‘Japan in the World’.

An important component of your degree in this final year will be a dissertation on a topic relating to Japan. You will work on the dissertation over the course of the year with a supervisor from the department, and will use both your Japanese language skills as well as the analytical skills you have gained through your studies modules in earlier years, to produce a high-quality piece of research relating to any aspect of Japan.

Examples of past topics

— Modern day Samurai
— Japanese popular culture and the tourist industry
— Religion and prejudice in Japan

Dual honours degrees with Japanese Studies

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Rich in culture and history, Japan has a complex, dynamic and fascinating society that contrasts high-tech cityscapes with temples, mountains and forests. The samurai heritage lives on in the films of Kurosawa and in the martial arts, while Japanese popular culture continues to have a significant global influence, with manga-based shades and tones being used by international fashion designers, and anime character design impacting on animation industries worldwide.

Why study Japan?

It is now easier than ever for foreign businesses to enter Japanese markets, a fact reflected in the growing numbers of Western business men and women (including many Sheffield graduates) based in Tokyo and Osaka. In addition, many Japanese companies are now actively acquiring foreign companies across the world and are increasingly recruiting foreigners with good Japanese-language skills.

BA Japanese Studies

UCAS Code - T2R0
Entry Requirements (A level) – ABB
Duration – 4 years (including a year in Japan)
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BA Korean Studies

UCAS Code – T4T5
Entry Requirements (A level) – ABB
Duration – 4 years (including a year in Korea)

Why study Korea?

In a little under four decades, the Republic of Korea has been transformed from a war-ravaged, agricultural country into one of the leading trading nations and economies of the world. Korean goods are exported to developing and industrialised countries, and Korean companies have set up sales networks and built factories all over the world.

A centuries-old struggle against more powerful neighbours, the painful division of the country into communist north and democratic south in 1948, and the lasting influence of Confucian ways of thinking have all played an important part in Korea's modern history. In addition, the Koreans have a cultural heritage of which they are justifiably proud. Surprisingly, Korea remains something of an unknown quantity in the West, but its rapid rise to join the ranks of the world's industrialised nations will create a demand for people who understand this fascinating country.

Year 1

You will take core modules in Korean language during both semesters spending around 8-9 hours each week in Korean-language classes, covering grammar, writing, speaking and other skills.

To compliment your language training, you will learn about the history of Korea and take a variety of Studies Modules covering East Asian society and cultures. Such modules involve lectures on specific themes, and seminars or tutorials in which you discuss these themes with your tutors.

Your year in Korea

You will spend your second year at one of our partner universities in Seoul (Korea, Sogang, Sungkyunkwan and Yonsei University). In Seoul, you will continue to take intensive courses in Korean language, building on the skills you learned during your first year.

Year 3

Back in Sheffield, language will continue to form an important part of your studies. Drawing on your experiences of living and studying in Korea you will focus your studies on developing your language skills further and focus on conversational skills and reading skills.

You will also be able to take modules on specialised areas such as contemporary Korean society, and you will have a choice of studies modules covering politics, international relations and business in East Asia.

Year 4

An important component of your degree in the final year will be a dissertation on a topic of your choice relating to Korea. You will work on the dissertation over the course of the year with a supervisor from the department, using both your Korean language skills and the analytical skills you have developed through your Studies Modules in earlier years, to produce a high-quality piece of research.

Examples of past topics

— Cosmetic surgery culture in Korea
— Female sexuality in Korean popular culture
— Japan/South Korea public relations

Dual honours degrees with Korean Studies

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A year abroad in East Asia

A crucial part of our four-year degree courses is the opportunity to spend a year in China, Japan or Korea, depending on your course choice. The Year Abroad offers you an unrivalled opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the country which you are studying, and is the perfect way for you to improve your language skills.

You will head off on your year abroad after having spent one or two years of study (depending on the degree) at Sheffield. Students of Chinese spend the year at one of China’s best universities located in one of the country’s former capital cities – Nanjing University. Students of Japanese spend the year at one of our numerous partner universities in Japan including Tokyo, Kyoto and Waseda University. Students of Korean go to Korea, Sogang, Sungyunkwan or Yonsei University in Seoul. For the most part, you will be housed in university accommodation while in East Asia, giving you ample opportunity to meet local students, to practice your chosen language, and to gain insights into the culture.

As the Year Abroad is part of your Sheffield degree, you pay reduced tuition fees to Sheffield and you do not pay any fees in China, Japan or Korea. The cost of living in China is considerably cheaper than it is in the UK, and competitive scholarships are available (with a majority of students on certain degree programmes being scholarship recipients in recent years). In Japan, living expenses vary by region, with the major urban centres being expensive, and more rural areas cheaper. Scholarship support is available on a competitive basis.

“The course has definitely lived up to my expectations so far. To say the first year was a challenge may be a slight understatement, (since I had no previous knowledge of Chinese), but now I’m in my second month on the year abroad in China and it’s safe to say every challenge was completely worth it! This country is pretty amazing and the city that Sheffield chooses for the year abroad, Nanjing, is a brilliant spot. Already after 2 months I can feel a huge improvement in my Chinese.”

Megan Eustace
BA Chinese Studies, year abroad at Nanjing University

“The year abroad was the best way for me to develop my speaking and listening skills. Outside of language skills, my year in Japan helped me develop my independent survival skills, adapting to new places or situations. I studied at Kanazawa University and the city itself was amazing with all the staples a student could need. From bars and karaoke to bowling and specialist shopping, Kanazawa has it all.”

James Keenan
BA Japanese and History, year abroad at Kanazawa University
A degree in Chinese, Japanese, Korean or East Asian Studies is flexible enough to allow you to pursue a range of different career options, but specialised enough to set you apart in a highly competitive job market.

SEAS graduates are recognised around the world for their unique combination of language skills and social science training. While many have made the most of their knowledge of East Asia by returning to the region to work, others have made use of their skills here in the UK, in Europe or elsewhere around the world.

Over the past 40 years, SEAS graduates have embarked on a wide variety of rewarding careers in fields such as government, diplomacy and international organisations, with graduates going on to work at the United Nations, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or international think tanks such as the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace. Others have gone on to lead careers in education, the arts and the media, ranging, for example, from the BBC to China Daily. Many have entered the world of business, finance and management, and are working for some of the world’s top companies, including Mitsubishi, British Airways, Shell and Ernst & Young.

"During my fourth year at Sheffield I took a gamble and travelled to Boston, Massachusetts to attend the three-day Career Forum for Japanese-English bilinguals. With over 170 companies and 10,000 job seekers, the competition was tough. However, with the language skills I had picked up studying at Sheffield and in Japan, I impressed several companies enough for them to offer me final interviews in (and, thankfully, flights to) Japan.

Fast forward nine months and I was joining my current company as the first Japan-based Western employee in its sixty year history."

Jamie Rhodes graduated with a degree in Japanese Studies and went on to work for Nippon Steel & Sumikin Bussan Corporation in Tokyo.

"My time at SEAS allowed me to develop a self-confidence and passion of interest that has already served me well in my career, and will continue to do so. I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to get where I am today without the personal and intellectual support of SEAS."

Amy Studdart graduated with a degree in East Asian Studies. As Asia Program Associate for the German Marshall Fund of the United States, she travels frequently to East Asia where her work focuses on identifying how the world changes as Asia rises.

How to apply

We make offers at ABB (or AAB for Dual degrees with Business Management) at A Level or equivalent.

We also accept other qualifications such as Access to HE, BTEC or International Baccalaureate.

We welcome enquiries from mature applicants and currently have a number of mature students on our undergraduate courses.

English Language requirement

Applicants who are not native speakers of English are required by the University to have a 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 6 in each component), or equivalent.

As our language-based courses are taught as a foreign language, we do not accept native speakers on to courses involving their own languages. However, we welcome – and currently have – East Asian students studying towards a degree in an area other than that covered by their native language, or studying the region as a whole through an East Asian Studies degree.

We also welcome, and have a lively presence of, students on the ERASMUS scheme.

Come and Visit us

We hold a number of Open Days throughout the year. Visit us to meet staff and current students, and find out what it is like to study at SEAS.
The content of our courses is reviewed annually to make sure it’s up-to-date and relevant. Individual modules are occasionally updated or withdrawn. This is in response to discoveries through our world-leading research; funding changes; professional accreditation requirements; student or employer feedback; outcomes of reviews; and variations in staff or student numbers. In the event of changes the University will consult and inform students in good time and will take reasonable steps to minimise disruption.