

The Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Colorado Boulder
Graduate Degrees in Chinese & Japanese

Celebrating a history of over 30 years, [the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations](#) offers small class sizes that allow our graduate students the opportunity to work closely with faculty who are noted scholars in their fields. Faculty research includes various specialized topics in Chinese and Japanese literature and cultural history, from early times to the present day, in fields such as poetry, literary criticism, manuscript studies, religious and intellectual history, as well as fiction, drama, film, and other forms of visual culture. The program is also open to students who are interested in transcultural studies within the department.

Generous funding opportunities for our MA and PhD candidates include fellowships, tuition reimbursement, health insurance assistance and stipends for Teaching Assistantships and Graduate Part-Time Instructorships. Additionally, our graduate programs have been selected for inclusion in the Western Regional Graduate Program, which allows students who are residents of 15 participating states to enroll in certain distinctive programs at public institutions on an in-state resident tuition basis.

[The MA program in Chinese](#) is designed to offer students maximum general exposure to the long sweep of Chinese literary and cultural history as well as the opportunity to delve into the study of some particular period, field, topic or genre. With six professors covering literature and culture from early China through the medieval era to the early modern period and contemporary China, the program is comprehensive in scope. The program focuses especially on preparing students for PhD study and careers in sinology. Since 1991, closer to seventy graduates of the Chinese MA program have gone on to doctoral study here or at other first-rank institutions in the U.S. For alumni stories, please click [here](#).

[The MA program in Japanese](#) offers students the opportunity to engage in advanced-level study of Japanese literature and culture, with the aim of preparing students for doctoral study in Japanese literature as well as providing firm foundational knowledge for those seeking Japan-related professional careers. The program is composed of four professors with specializations in the literatures of classical, medieval, early modern, and modern Japan. In recent years graduates of the Japanese MA program have gone on to PhD programs in Japanese literature and Japanese studies at this and numerous other first-rank institutions in the U.S. For alumni stories, please click [here](#).

The PhD programs in Chinese and Japanese offer extensive training in the modern and pre-modern literatures of China and Japan for students seeking to pursue research and teaching careers at the collegiate level. As a part of the new "Consortium of Doctoral Studies in Literatures and Cultures" at the University of Colorado, the department will offer five-year PhD fellowships, which will include a tuition waiver, teaching exemption in the first year, competitive monthly stipend and generous summer research funds.

For more information about our graduate programs, funding and how to apply, please visit <http://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate>. Graduate applications for fall admission are due December 1st.

Please feel free to email your questions to Antje Richter, Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Studies in Chinese, at antje.richter@colorado.edu, or Janice Brown, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies in Japanese, at janice.c.brown@colorado.edu. We would be delighted to receive your application and look forward to welcoming you to our program.

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