

Dept. of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures

Majors

Major Options for Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures

Option 1. The major in language and literature

Prerequisite for all languages: 23 or the equivalent [Note: for Arabic, 23 or 25]

The major consists of eleven courses:

1. 10 [Note: these introductory courses are taught in English. The Department offers ARAB 10, CHIN 10, HEBR 10, and JAPN 10; students must take the offering that corresponds to the language they are studying for the major (e.g., students of Arabic must take ARAB 10, students of Japanese must take JAPN 10, etc.).]
2. Four upper-level language courses beyond 23 [Note: for majors in Arabic, beyond ARAB 25; for majors in Chinese, one of these four courses must be CHIN 51. Also see website or advisor for an alternative major option.]
3. Three literature-in-translation courses at the 60 level [Note: 60-level courses are basic surveys taught in English; majors in Chinese may substitute either CHIN 52, CHIN 53, or CHIN 54 for one of these three courses]
4. One course in another DAMELL literature that is not in the student's primary language area [Note: this requirement may be fulfilled by taking either one 10 or one 60-level course in any of the other language areas (e.g., students of Arabic may take HEBR 10, CHIN 10, or JAPN 10; or students of Japanese may take ARAB 10, CHIN 10, or HEBR 10)]
5. One course in literary theory or linguistics chosen from an approved list of departmental and non-departmental courses [Note: AMEL 17 fulfills this requirement; examples of non-departmental courses include COLT 10, COLT 71, COLT 72, or COLT 73, ENGL 15 or ENGL 17, LING 1]
6. One seminar at the 80-level [this course will serve as the culminating experience]

Students doing the Honors track for Option 1 will substitute the 80-level seminar with thesis research and writing (AMEL 85 and AMEL 87)

Note: Substitutions of courses under option 1 of the DAMELL major may be made with the approval of the major advisor and the Chair

Option 2. The major in two languages and literatures

Prerequisite: 23 [Note: 23 or 25 for Arabic] or the equivalent for both languages

The major consists of eleven courses:

1. 10 in both languages (10 in each of the two major languages)
2. Four upper level language courses beyond 23 [or 25 for Arabic. These courses may be all in one language or split equally between the two languages]
3. Three courses at the 60 level [these must be split between the two languages, two in one literary tradition and one in the second]

4. One course in literary theory or linguistics chosen from an approved list of departmental and non-departmental courses [Note: AMEL 17 fulfills this requirement; examples of non-departmental courses include COLT 10, COLT 71, COLT 72, or COLT 73, ENGL 15 or ENGL 17, LING 1]
5. One seminar at the 80-level that will serve as the culminating experience
Students doing the Honors track for Option 2 will substitute the 80-level seminar with thesis research and writing (AMEL 85 and AMEL 87)

Option 3. The modified major

AMELL allows students to modify the major in language and literature with offerings from other departments or programs. Students will design this major in consultation with a department adviser. All six AMELL courses must be in the student's primary area of study within AMELL. Possible partnering departments and programs include Anthropology, Art History, Comparative Literature, Economics, Environmental Studies, Film Studies, Geography, Government, History, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, and Religion. Students will be required to take a combination of courses that provide training in basic theory and background on subjects related to the study of Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, and Japanese.

Prerequisite for all majors: 23 or the equivalent

The major consists of eleven courses:

1. Six courses from AMELL: 10; no more than three language courses beyond 23; two courses at the 60 level. [For Chinese, CHIN 52 or above may count as non-language]
2. Four advanced courses, all four from among those offerings in another single department or program that deal with the culture of the student's chosen language and literature in AMELL [Note: students will not be permitted to count introductory-level courses that are used as prerequisites for the major in another department or program]
3. One advanced seminar either in AMELL or in the partnering department or program

Students doing the Honors track for Option 3 will substitute the 80-level seminar with thesis research and writing (AMEL 85 and AMEL 87).

Minor

Six AMELL courses approved by the Chair. All six language and literature courses must be in the student's primary area of study (i.e., students of Arabic language must take courses in Arabic literature). ARAB 10, CHIN 10, HEBR 10, or JAPN 10 is a required course for the minor. Only language courses beyond the first year count towards the minor; a minimum of two but no more than three of the six courses for a minor should be language courses. In the case of students who want to minor in Chinese language and literature, CHIN 52, CHIN 53 or CHIN 54 and above may be counted as a literature course. AMELL 17 or AMELL 18 cannot count towards the minor.

Foreign Study Programs

Dartmouth Foreign Study Program in Tangier, Morocco

Prerequisites: ARAB 10 and two out of the following three courses, with a B+ average or permission of the director: ARAB 21, ARAB 22, ARAB 23, ARAB 25, or the equivalent.

The Dartmouth Arabic Foreign Study Program is held in Tangier, Morocco during the fall term. The FSP offers two credits in Modern Standard Arabic at the advanced level (ARAB 31 and ARAB 32), one credit for ARAB 11, a seminar taught by the program director in residence. In addition, students will participate in regularly scheduled cultural trips, cooking and music lessons, lectures on Morocco, and meals with Moroccan families. For application and further information, please contact the Off Campus Programs Office, 44 North College Street.

Not offered in the 2013-2014 academic year.

Dartmouth Foreign Study Program and Advanced Language Study Abroad (LSA+) in Beijing, People's Republic of China

Prerequisite: CHIN 3 or the equivalent, with at least a B average, and CHIN 10, or the equivalent, with at least a B average, or permission of the director.

The Dartmouth Chinese Foreign Study Program (FSP) is conducted at Beijing Normal University (BNU) during the summer term; a Language Study Abroad + (LSA+) program is offered at BNU in the fall. Dartmouth-at-BNU includes nine-and-one-half weeks of instruction on the BNU campus, with short trips to places of historical or cultural interest in Beijing and vicinity. The program also includes a field trip within China (totaling 11-13 days) at the end of the term for summer, and during mid-term for fall. Students participating in Dartmouth-at-BNU will live in the foreign student dormitories on the BNU campus. For the Summer FSP, they will enroll in three courses. CHIN 11 (taught by the Dartmouth director in residence), and two language courses appropriate to their level of proficiency. Students at the second-year level will enroll in CHIN 22 and CHIN 23; students at the third-year level will enroll in CHIN 31 and CHIN 32; and students at the fourth-year level will enroll in CHIN 41 and CHIN 42 when the numbers allow. For the fall LSA+ students will enroll in three Chinese language courses at the appropriate level. Successful completion of the summer term BNU program will serve in satisfaction of the Summer Residence Requirement, even when taken in the summer following a student's first year or third year. For application and further information, contact the Off Campus Programs Office, 44 North College Street.

The summer FSP will not be offered in 2014; students interested in study in China should consider the fall LSA+.

Dartmouth Advanced Language Study Abroad (LSA+) Program in Tokyo, Japan

Prerequisite: JAPN 1, JAPN 2, JAPN 3, or the equivalent, with at least a B

average, and JAPN 10, or the equivalent, with at least a B average.

The Dartmouth Japanese LSA+ Program is conducted during the summer term at Kanda University of International Studies on the outskirts of Tokyo, Japan. The program includes nine-and-one-half weeks of instruction, as well as organized trips to areas of cultural interest. Students enroll in three courses: JAPN 11 (taught by the Dartmouth director in residence) and two second-year-level Japanese language courses (JAPN 22, JAPN 23). Successful completion of the Tokyo program will serve in satisfaction of the Summer Residence Requirement (even when taken in the summer following the first year or third year). For application and further information, contact the Off Campus Programs Office, 44 North College Street.

Honors Program

Admission to the Honors Program is by application to the Department. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.3 GPA in the major to qualify for the Honors Program. The Honors Program, involving one credit over and above the regular major, is a two-term project, outlined as follows:

1. Senior fall or winter: AMEL 85: Independent Research (may serve as Advanced Seminar for the major)

2. Senior winter or spring: AMEL 87: Honors Thesis

Proposals must be submitted to the Department by the fifth week of the junior-year spring term. The proposal should be written in consultation with a prospective advisor, and is to include:

1. the title and nature of the project to be undertaken
2. the significance this research may have within the designated field of study
3. any relevant background (e.g., related courses; other preparation) which the student brings to the work
4. a tentative bibliography of studies germane to the project
5. the name of, and approval by, the thesis advisor

The Honors Program student must achieve and maintain a B+ in AMEL 85; otherwise, the project will be terminated. An informal, oral presentation to AMEL faculty and students is required upon completion of the thesis, usually during the third week of May. The thesis must be turned in to the department office no later than the last day of spring term classes. Completion of the Honors Program is required for graduation with Honors or High Honors in the major.