

EAST ASIA STUDIES

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HORIZONS



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AT WESTERN

LEADERS *with heart*

EXPLORE

EAST ASIA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD

LEADERS WITH HEART MUST UNDERSTAND A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL FORCES TO NAVIGATE OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING, INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

What better way to develop these insights than by building an awareness of the business, religion, politics, language and culture of one of the most influential areas in the world today – East Asia.

At Huron, you'll find a highly flexible program featuring small, intimate classes, personalized coaching and opportunities for imaginative, independent research and hands-on learning.

Broaden your global perspectives because, to lead, you need a heart that understands the world.

NICOLE PYSZKA

YEAR 5, DOUBLE MAJOR IN EAST ASIA STUDIES AND FRENCH STUDIES

COMPLETED YEAR-LONG EXCHANGE AT KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY IN NISHINOMIYA, JAPAN

One of two students from Ontario to participate in the 2018 Kakehashi Project as a cultural diplomat

Hometown: Kitchener, Ont.

"Going abroad isn't the only way to get globally involved when you're a Huron student. Huron's peer guide program pairs international students with Huron students for various trips and events, which is a great chance to meet new friends from around the world. Weekly conversation circles help language learners practice their developing language skills with native speakers, while Huron language professors know you by name and always have their doors open. There are many events held celebrating different cultures – like Japan Day, where you can try on a kimono and participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. These types of resources helped me prepare for my exchange, and now they help me to stay involved and practice everything I've learned." 📖



FIRST YEAR: **UNLIMITED** **POSSIBILITIES**

Your first year is designed to be all about exploration and discovery. During this time, there are minimal required courses, so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

PROGRAM OPTIONS

	Honors Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
China Studies				✓
Chinese				✓
Chinese Business Communications				✓
East Asia Studies			✓	✓
Japanese				✓
Japan Studies				✓

RELATED AREAS OF STUDY

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major, or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia, or King's, such as:

Centre for Global Studies

History

Political Science

Psychology

Economics

Philosophy

Linguistics

Foreign language pedagogy

EARN WHILE YOU **LEARN**

HURON'S COORDINATOR OF CAREERS &
INTERNSHIPS WILL HELP YOU FIND
PAID INTERNSHIPS
RELEVANT TO YOUR AREA OF STUDY.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES

CHINESE 1

An introduction to oral and written standard Chinese for students with no previous knowledge of the language and no previous exposure to Chinese culture.

JAPANESE 1

An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with emphasis on the development of communicative skills. Intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Japanese.

PERSPECTIVES ON CHINA

An examination of China as it emerges in the era of globalization. Contents include territory, people, society, language, science and technology, development and sustainability. *Taught in English.*

CHINESE SYMBOLS & ICONS

A study of traditional symbols and icons ranging from "yin-yang," "dragon," "mandarin ducks" and "the double-happiness," to "the three stars," "Lord Guan" and "Avalokitesvara" (Guanyin). *Taught in English.*

PERSPECTIVES ON JAPAN

Contents include territory, people, language, religion, economy, popular culture, science and technology. Students investigate Japan and East Asia within today's globalized world, identify their own cultural bias and critically evaluate diverse perspectives. *Taught in English.*

COURSES IN EAST ASIA STUDIES

Cinema in the Chinese Mainland
 Chinese Cities and Chinese Culture
 Fiction and Chinese Society
 Chinese Diasporic Literature in North America

Japan Through Film
 Cultural Foundations of Modern Japan
 Business Translation

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30am – 11:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	8:30am – 9:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	12:30pm – 2:30pm Chinese 1150 or Japanese 1050 Beginners Chinese/Japanese <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm English 1027F The Storyteller's Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i>	9:30am – 10:30am Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>
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3:30pm – 4:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	2:30pm – 4:30pm Chinese 1650G or Japanese 1650F Perspectives on China/Japan <i>0.50 credit</i>		3:30pm – 5:30pm Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

OUR STUDENTS HAVE FOUND SUCCESSFUL CAREERS IN:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching (Foreign Language in Canada) Teaching (English in East Asia) Graduate studies on East Asia Interpreting/translating Canadian and International Business (in East Asia) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs Politics Journalism Diplomatic services Intelligence analysis Foreign Services |
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As the only HBX CORE partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Business School.

hbx.hbs.edu/courses/core/

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

All East Asia Studies students are encouraged to pursue their interests through independent research.

Examples of senior research projects include:

- Japanese business practice
- Challenges of bi-cultural business decision-making
- Challenges of Japan's shrinking population
- Changing role of Japanese religion
- History of the food canning industry in Japan
- The globalization of Japanese fashion and pop culture
- Experiential approach to foreign language teaching

FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's experienced faculty are here for you, acting as both professors and mentors. Here are some of their areas of expertise:

Chinese women's literature

Chinese business culture

General linguistics

Japanese linguistics

Foreign/Japanese language pedagogy

WHY CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND EAST ASIA STUDIES?

- **Prepare yourself for a variety of careers.** Employers today are looking for people with the ability to analyze information to find creative solutions to problems and effectively communicate their ideas. These skills are acquired when studying language and literature.
- **Gain an edge over the competition.** Distinguish yourself from other job applicants with competency in more than one language that makes you stand out.
- **Increase your job opportunities.** Bilingualism will make you eligible for more jobs both within and outside of Canada.
- **See the world from another perspective.** Globalization of the business world demands a greater awareness of other cultures.
- **Acquire deeper understanding of your own culture.** Explore your cultural assumptions and biases by studying different languages, perspectives and ways of life.



STUDY ABROAD

Many of our students spend one or two semesters with exchange partner institutions in China, Japan and various places in East Asia, where they immerse themselves in language and culture, learn by experience and gain first-hand knowledge of these exotic and influential societies.



GET INVOLVED!

Join our weekly Friday lunch-time Japanese conversation club.

Volunteer in the Ontario Area Japanese Speech Contest.

Serve as an instructional assistant at the Mori-no-Machi (Forest City) Japanese language school on Saturdays.

Be a peer guide for exchange students from East Asia.

Help organize Huron's annual Japan Day and China Day.

EXPERIENCE WHAT
EAST ASIA STUDIES
AT HURON CAN OFFER BY
TAKING A CAMPUS TOUR,
SITTING IN ON A CLASS,
TALKING TO A PROFESSOR OR
MEETING A CURRENT STUDENT.

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