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The Council on East Asian Studies (CEAS) was founded in 1961 and continues a long tradition of East Asian Studies at Yale. CEAS provides an important forum for academic exploration and support related to the study of China, Japan, and Korea. Its mission is to facilitate the training of undergraduate and graduate students and to foster outstanding education, research, and intellectual exchange about East Asia. For nearly sixty years, it has promoted education about East Asia both in the Yale curriculum and through lectures, workshops, conferences, film series, cultural events, and other educational activities open to students, faculty, K–16 educators, and the general public. With nearly thirty core faculty and more than twenty language instructors spanning thirteen departments on campus, East Asian Studies remains one of Yale’s most extensive area studies programs. Its interdisciplinary emphasis encourages collaborative linkages across fields and departments and contributes to diversity across the curriculum and in the classroom. Approximately one hundred fifty courses on East Asia in the humanities and social sciences are offered each year.

CEAS administers Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Master of Arts (M.A.) programs. While the B.A. program focuses on the study of either a country or an area within East Asia, the M.A. program focuses on the study of China, Japan, or a transnational region in East Asia. Graduates of the East Asian Studies B.A. and M.A. programs have gone on to distinguished careers in the fields of academia, business, nonprofit organizations, and government service. For details on the M.A. program, see East Asian Studies under Degree-Granting Departments and Programs in this bulletin.

Every year, CEAS welcomes domestic and international scholars to campus as guest lecturers, visiting fellows, research scholars, and professors. The CEAS Postdoctoral Associates Program brings talented individuals into the community of scholars at Yale to conduct research and teach advanced undergraduate seminars. East Asian Studies endowments make it possible for CEAS to offer grants and fellowships for Yale students conducting East Asian-related research and language study, as well as to support student organization programming.

Study and research in East Asian Studies at Yale are supported by one of the finest library collections in the country. The Chinese-, Japanese-, and Korean-language print resources in the East Asia Library at Sterling Memorial Library constitute one of the oldest and largest collections found outside of East Asia. The Asian art collection at the Yale University Art Gallery also supports classroom instruction, faculty research, and community outreach activities.

CEAS is committed to providing leadership in the study and understanding of East Asia on campus and in the region through support of educational and outreach activities with emphasis on joint endeavors across institutions both regionally and internationally.