

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 which allow our graduate students the opportunity to work closely with faculty who are noted scholars in their fields.

Generous funding opportunities for our MA and PhD candidates include fellowships, tuition reimbursement, and stipends for Teaching Assistantships and Graduate Part-Time Instructorships. Additionally, the Chinese and Japanese graduate programs at CU have been selected for inclusion in the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). Through the WRGP, graduate students who are residents of 15 participating states may 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. It has traditionally focused on preparing students for PhD study and eventual careers in Sinology. Since 1991, more than fifty graduates of the Chinese MA program have gone on to doctoral study here or at other first-rank institutions in the U.S.

The MA program in Japanese is designed to provide advanced-level training in Japanese language, literature, and civilization, with the aim of preparing students for both Japan-related professional careers and doctoral study in Japanese literature and culture. The program boasts four professors with specializations in the literature and performing arts of classical, medieval, early-modern, and modern Japan. In recent years our MA students have gone on to PhD programs in Japanese literature, art history, and religious studies at this and numerous other first-rank institutions in the U.S. and abroad.

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 two full-ride, five-year PhD fellowships every year, which will include a teaching exemption in the first and fifth years, a reduced teaching load in the second through fourth years, a competitive annual stipend, and generous summer research funds.

Our department website offers much more information; please visit www.colorado.edu/alc and feel free to contact us with additional questions. We would be delighted to receive your application and look forward to welcoming you to our program.

The Faculty & Staff of the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations