



CHINESE AND EAST ASIA STUDIES

Broaden Your Horizons



Huron
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EXPLORE EAST ASIA'S **ROLE IN** **THE WORLD**

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE GLOBAL CITIZEN, YOU NEED TO BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE BEYOND YOUR OWN BACKYARD. THROUGH CHINESE & EAST ASIA STUDIES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL FORCES IN ORDER 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 — China and East Asia.

Distinguish yourself as a leader who can bridge North American and East Asian organizations. Develop the cultural sensitivity and foundational understanding about how different perspectives can be balanced to motivate action and achieve economic and social good.

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

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. Prepare to become immersed in the beauty, complexity and intrigue of East Asia.



“Taking Chinese & East Asian Studies will open up a world of career possibilities for you, especially supported by the entrepreneurial learning approach at Huron. As a third-year language student, I participated in the 19th International “Chinese Bridge” Language Proficiency Competition and won the first prize across all Ontario universities, placing top 30 in the world and appearing on Chinese television. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will shape the direction of my career for years to come, and was only achieved thanks to the challenging immersive approach to language studies at Huron.”

WILLIAM SNYDER | YEAR 3
Chinese & East Asia Studies
Master's in Music, Western University
North York, Ontario

WHY CHINESE AND EAST ASIA STUDIES?

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

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Graduates of this program apply a thorough understanding of the historical, cultural, linguistic and social influences that spur and halt change within and between cultures.

- Teaching (foreign language in Canada)
- Teaching (English in East Asia)
- Graduate studies on East Asia
- Interpreting/translating
- Canadian and International business (in East Asia)
- NGOs
- Politics
- Journalism
- Diplomatic services
- Intelligence analysis
- Foreign services

“For students looking to really immerse themselves in their studies, I would highly recommend embarking on an international exchange. In my 3rd year, I spent my time at Beijing Culture & Language University where I studied Mandarin. This was instrumental in helping me improve my abilities. I had great teachers who coached me, and I would frequently practice speaking Chinese with other students. I am so thankful Huron creates these experiences for its language learners, so we can truly become global citizens prepared to thrive in careers around the world.”

DOMINIC LaPERE | YEAR 4
Chinese Studies



TRAVEL STUDY

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 influential societies.

FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

YOUR FIRST YEAR IS 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	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
East Asia Studies			✓	✓
China Studies				✓
Chinese Business Communications				✓
Chinese Studies				✓

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.

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.



NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

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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 Beginners Chinese <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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	2:30pm – 4:30pm Chinese 1650G Perspectives on China <i>0.50 credit</i>		3:30pm – 5:30pm Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	

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
- Psychology
- Linguistics
- History
- Economics
- Foreign language pedagogy
- Political Science
- Philosophy
- Global Great Books



“The Chinese and East Asia programs give students the unique opportunity to learn about Chinese and Asian literature and culture from intercultural and comparative perspectives. These areas of study help students adapt and contribute to an increasingly multicultural world with global vision, critical thinking and professional competence.”

DR. YAN LU
Assistant Professor and Coordinator
Chinese Program



**HARVARD
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

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FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. Here are some of their areas of expertise:

- Modern Chinese literature
- Chinese diasporic literature
- Chinese business culture
- English/Chinese translation
- Chinese language pedagogy



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- Experiential learning – either locally or through international travel/work study and volunteer initiatives
- Independent research under faculty mentorship via student-faculty research collaborations (these may be paid or volunteer positions)

Students have opportunities to present their work in English and/or Chinese at the:

- Chinese Program Undergraduate Student Conference
- Fall Exhibition of Huron's Centre for Undergraduate Research Learning (CURL)
- CURL's Spring Conference

GET INVOLVED!

- Join Huron's weekly Chinese Conversation Hour
 - Connect with the Huron Chinese Students' Society (HCCS) at: myhuron.ca/huron-chinese-students-society
 - Volunteer with the Chinese International Volunteer Organization (CIVO) facebook.com/civouwo/
 - Help organize Huron's annual China Day
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AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Politics, Socio-Economic, and Cultural foundations of China
- Fiction and Chinese Society
- Chinese Cities and Cultures
- Cinema in the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong
- Chinese Diasporic Literature in North America
- Chinese business culture and translation
- And more...

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Chinese and East Asia Studies at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Chinese Language Prize
- Canada-China Exchange Program Scholarships

SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES

Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.



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EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID **INTERNSHIP** and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of Chinese and East Asia Studies include:

- Teaching English in Asia and overseas

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AS:

- MyWellness Committee Member
- Red Surge Member
- East Asia Studies Representative

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