

# MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ASIAN STUDIES

The Sigur Center for Asian Studies at the Elliott School administers the master's program in Asian studies, offering students many valuable resources and opportunities. The program is directed by a large, renowned faculty whose expertise includes foreign affairs; security and policy; language and culture; economics; and the history of East, Southeast, and South Asia. The highly diverse and experienced faculty prepares students for careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors through rigorous coursework in political science, history, and international affairs. To supplement studies in Washington, DC, the Sigur Center also provides funding for summer language study and research projects in Asia.

Visit the program website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/academics/graduate/asian-studies/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

**Admission deadline:** Fall: January 7th - Fellowship & Application Deadline

Spring: October 1st - Fellowship & Application Deadline

Applications for admission will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis after the fellowship deadlines have passed, but students will not be considered for fellowships.

**Standardized test scores:** GRE and GMAT scores are not accepted and will not be considered in the review process. Please do not submit scores.

**Recommendations:** Two (2) letters are required. Applicants should submit one (1) academic letter from a professor and one (1) professional reference.

**Prior academic records:** Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

If academic records are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translations alone should be uploaded into the online application. Official transcripts and certified English translations will be required of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

**Statement of purpose:** All applicants are required to submit an essay of approximately 500 words that answers one of the two questions below:

State your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals, and what unique skills, talents and/or perspectives you will bring to your program. Please be specific.

- OR -

Please discuss an issue of international importance you wish to address in your professional career. Please include how the Elliott School and the academic program to which you have applied will prepare you to address this global issue.

**Additional requirements:** A resumé or curriculum vitae is required. Resumés/CVs must include dates of employment (if applicable) and date of degree conferral or expected degree conferral.

High intermediate coursework in a modern foreign language is required at the time of application.

**Prerequisites:** Academic coursework in an Asian language, which will prepare students to complete the program's language requirement\*, must be shown at the time of application. This can be demonstrated by:

Study that is equal to four semesters of university-level coursework or equivalent. Completion of formal language training as part of employment (ex. Peace Corps, JET, etc.). Growing up in a household where the language is spoken.

\*Students need to have a strong foundation in a foreign language before enrolling to be successful in completing the language requirement during the program.

**International applicants only:** International Applicants may be required to submit official English Language tests scores with their application. Please see the Elliott School's English Language Requirements for guidance on whether you need to take the TOEFL/IELTS/PTE. Please send official TOEFL scores to institution code 5246.

The minimum English Language Test Requirements can be found below:

Eligible for Admission & requires EAP Courses:

- IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.0

- TOEFL- 100 (internet test) 600 (paper test)

- PTE- 68

Eligible for Admission & Exempt from EAP Courses\*\*:

- IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.5

- TOEFL- 105 (internet test) 650 (paper test)

- PTE- 72

\*\*Spring applicants must receive at least these scores to be considered for admission.

Please review International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

**Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

Office of Graduate Admissions  
 The Elliott School of International Affairs  
 The George Washington University  
 1957 E Street, NW, Suite 301  
 Washington, DC 20052

**Contact for questions:**

esiagrad@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-7050 (phone) ~ 202.994.9537 (fax)  
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

**REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 9 credits in core field courses, a 4-credit capstone sequence, 9 credits in a thematic specialization, 6 credits in a professional specialization, a 3-credit research methods course, and 9 credits in elective courses. In addition, all students must fulfill a language proficiency requirement (see below).

See notes regarding special topics and skills courses, the capstone sequence, and the thesis option\*.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
Core courses (9 credits)		
HIST 6602	Asia: History, Memory, and Violence	
And two courses selected from the following:		
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Asian Security)	
PSC 6373	Political Economy of Industrializing Asia	
PSC 6375	States and Societies in East Asia	
PSC 6467	Asian Security	
PSC 6475	International Politics of East Asia	
Capstone sequence (4 credits)		
Students complete a two-course capstone sequence that most closely matches the thematic area of their project. The capstone sequence includes a 2-credit capstone workshop taken before the 2-credit capstone seminar. Students must have completed at least 18 credits of coursework prior to starting the capstone sequence. The two 2-credit capstone courses must be taken consecutively.		
IAFF 6898	Capstone Workshop	

IAFF 6899 Capstone Course

**Thematic specialization (9 credits)**

Three courses in a thematic specialization. Students may design their own field with the approval of the program director, or select one of the specializations listed below.

**Professional specialization (6 credits)**

Two courses in a professional specialization. Students may design their own field with the approval of the program director, or select one of the specializations listed below.

**Research methods course (3 credits)**

Research methods courses are listed below after the section for professional specializations. The course selected to fulfill this requirement cannot also count toward the 6 credit requirement for the professional specialization.

**Electives (9 credits)**

9 credits in elective courses. Students may use elective credits for language courses, background coursework, or 1-credit skills courses.

**Skills courses**

Skills courses are designed to supplement substantive graduate coursework with practical skills and knowledge that students need to perform effectively in the workplace. A maximum of three one-credit skills courses may be taken as electives.

IAFF 6502 Professional Skills I

IAFF 6503 Professional Skills II

**Additional thesis option**

Students who wish to complete a thesis do so in addition to the capstone requirement. Students pursuing a thesis must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and approval from the faculty member who will serve as their thesis director. Thesis students also need to complete at least one research methods course. Thesis credits are counted as elective or specialization credits with program director approval. The two 3-credit thesis courses must be taken consecutively.

IAFF 6998 Thesis

IAFF 6999 Thesis

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Thematic specialization courses (9 credits)</b>		

Three courses selected from one of the following areas. Courses taken for the thematic specialization cannot also be counted toward the professional specializations or vice versa.

History of modern Asia

HIST 6001	Special Topics (Gender, Power, and Sexuality in East Asia)
HIST 6601	Topics: Asian History (Geography and Politics of Afghanistan and South and Central Asia)
HIST 6611	Readings Seminar: Twentieth-Century China
HIST 6630	Special Topics in Korean History (Modern Korea)
Politics and policy in Asia	
HIST 6601	Topics: Asian History (Geography and Politics of Afghanistan and South and Central Asia)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (China's Military)
IAFF 6302	Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Chinese Law & Legal Institutions)
PSC 6368	Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy
PSC 6370	Politics of China I
PSC 6371	Politics of China II
PSC 6374	Korean Politics
PSC 6375	States and Societies in East Asia
International relations of Asia	
HIST 6625	Japan's Empire and Its Legacies
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Asian Security) *
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (China's Military)
IAFF 6302	Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (International Relations of South Asia)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Korea-Japan Relations)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Latin America-China Relations)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Rising China in Africa)

PSC 6372	Foreign Policy of China
PSC 6467	Asian Security *
PSC 6489	Topics in International Relations (U.S.-China Relations)
*If not taken as a core course	
Asian business and development	
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Chinese Law & Legal Institutions)
Culture, art, and relations of Asia	
CAH 6262	Seminar in South Asian Art
CAH 6265	Seminar in Islamic Art and Architecture
CHIN 3163	Taiwanese Literature and Film
or CHIN 6163	Taiwanese Literature and Film
CHIN 6109	Introduction to Classical Chinese I
CHIN 6110	Introduction to Classical Chinese II
CHIN 6111	Chinese Literature in Translation
CHIN 6112	Chinese Literature in Translation II
China/Taiwan	
CHIN 3163	Taiwanese Literature and Film
or CHIN 6163	Taiwanese Literature and Film
CHIN 3173	Chinese Drama and Theatre
or CHIN 6173	Traditional Chinese Theatre and Drama
CHIN 6111	Chinese Literature in Translation
CHIN 6112	Chinese Literature in Translation II
CHIN 6123	Structure of Chinese
CHIN 6125	History of the Chinese Language
CHIN 6173	Traditional Chinese Theatre and Drama
CHIN 6180	Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature II
EALL 3881	Women, Gender, and Religion in China
or EALL 6881	Women, Gender, and Religion in China
HIST 6611	Readings Seminar: Twentieth-Century China
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (The Chinese Military)

IAFF 6302	Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Chinese Business Law)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Law of the People's Republic of China)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Latin America-China Relations)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Rising China in Africa)
PSC 6336	The Political Economy of China, India, and Beyond
PSC 6370	Politics of China I
PSC 6371	Politics of China II
PSC 6372	Foreign Policy of China
PSC 6489	Topics in International Relations (U.S.-China Relations)
Korea	
HIST 6630	Special Topics in Korean History *
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Korea-Japan Relations)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (topic: Politics of the Past in Korea. Same as IAFF 3186: Politics of the Past in Korea)
KOR 3111	Korean Literature in Translation I
KOR 3162	Korean Culture through Film
PSC 6374	Korean Politics
PSC 6375	States and Societies in East Asia
Japan	
HIST 3621	History of Modern Japan
HIST 6601	Topics: Asian History (Japan/China Throughout History)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Korea-Japan Relations)
JAPN 3111	Japanese Literature in Translation I
JAPN 3112	Japanese Literature in Translation II
JAPN 3162	Japanese Culture Through Film

PSC 6368	Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy	
PSC 6375	States and Societies in East Asia	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Professional specialization courses (6 credits)</b>		
Two courses from one of the following professional specialization fields. Courses taken for the professional specialization cannot also be counted toward the thematic specializations or vice versa.		
Conflict and conflict resolution		
GEOG 6224	Seminar: Political Geography	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Conflict Prevention)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Peacekeeping)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Stabilization and Peacebuilding)	
IAFF 6171	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Countering Violent Extremism)	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Insurgency and Counterinsurgency)	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Political Violence and Terrorism)	
MGT 6215	Conflict Management and Negotiations	
Global communication and public diplomacy		
EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education	
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education *	
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Development and Technology)	
IAFF 6208	Special Topics in Global Communication (Public Diplomacy)	
or SMPA 6275	Public Diplomacy	
PUBH 6571	Social Marketing: Theory and Practice	
SMPA 6204	Strategic Political Communication	
SMPA 6270	Special Topics in Media and Public Affairs (Media and War)	

or SMPA 6274	Media and War
International development	
Required	
IAFF 6108	International Development Policy
Supporting courses:	
A. Anthropology	
ANTH 6301	The Anthropology of Development
ANTH 6302	Issues in Development *
ANTH 6331	Research Methods in Development Anthropology
ANTH 6391	Anthropology and Contemporary Problems
ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 6508	Ethics and Cultural Property
ANTH 6591	Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology *
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis
B. Environment	
ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources
EMSE 6200	Policy Factors in Environmental and Energy Management
EMSE 6290	Climate Change: Policy, Impacts, and Response
GEOG 6244	Urban Sustainability
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Agriculture and Sustainable Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Climate Change and Sustainable Development)
IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
IAFF 6152	Energy Policy
PHIL 6281	Environmental Philosophy and Policy
PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy
PUBH 6130	Sustainable Energy and the Environment
C. Humanitarian assistance	

EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management
EMSE 6320	International Disaster Management
GEOG 6224	Seminar: Political Geography
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Care of Children in Complex Emergencies)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Human Trafficking)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (M&E for Foreign Assistance Programs)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Violence, Gender and Humanitarian Assistance)
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
D. International development management	
ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development
EMSE 6820	Program and Project Management
IAFF 6108	International Development Policy
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Managing the World's Waters)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Local Government, Decentralization and Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Poverty and Bottom-Up Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Private Sector Development)
IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
PPPA 6049	Urban and Regional Policy Analysis
PPPA 6057	International Development Administration
PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
PPPA 6059	International Development Management Processes and Tools
PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management

PPPA 6081	Poverty and Social Policy
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions *
E. International education	
EDUC 6100	Experimental Courses *
EDUC 6601	International and Comparative Education
EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education
EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education
EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education *
EDUC 6650	Education and National Development
F. Global health	
ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
G. Women and development	
ANTH 6501	Gender and Sexuality
IAFF 6102	Global Gender Policy
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Gender, War, and Peace)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender and Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender and Economic Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Violence, Gender and Humanitarian Assistance)
MGT 6290	Special Topics (Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership)
WGSS 6230	Global Feminisms
WGSS 6270	Seminar: Selected Topics (Global Islamic Feminisms)
International economics, political economy, and business	

ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development
ECON 6269	Economy of China
ECON 6283	Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy
ECON 6284	Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy
ECON 6293	Topics in International Finance *
ECON 6295	Special Topics *
FINA 6274	Corporate Financial Management and Modeling
FINA 6275	Investment Analysis and Global Portfolio Management
FINA 6277	Comparative Financial Market Regulation and Development
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Strategy, Global Markets, and Politics)
IBUS 6201	International Marketing
IBUS 6202	Regional Strategy for Multinationals
IBUS 6301	International Business Finance
IBUS 6310	International Financial Reporting Standards
IBUS 6401	International Business Strategy
MBAD 6242	Microeconomics for the World Economy
PPPA 6003	Economics for Public Decision Making
PSC 6336	The Political Economy of China, India, and Beyond
PSC 6439	International Political Economy
International health policy and programs	
Required	
Two from the following:	
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health
Supporting courses:	
A. Advanced public health courses (non-global issues)	

PUBH 6121	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology	PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks
PUBH 6122	Protecting Public Health and the Environment: Policies, Politics, and Programs	PUBH 6441	Global Health Organizations and Regulations
PUBH 6126	Assessment and Control of Environmental Hazards	PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6130	Sustainable Energy and the Environment	PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6250	Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS	PUBH 6481	Global Mental Health
PUBH 6252	Epidemiologic Methods II: Advanced Epidemiologic Methods	PUBH 6563	Global Child Health
PUBH 6253	Issues in HIV Care and Treatment	International security policy	
PUBH 6255	Organizational Responses to the Local, National, and Global HIV/AIDS Epidemics	IAFF 6106	Nuclear Weapons
PUBH 6262	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Conflict Prevention)
PUBH 6263	Advanced GIS	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Peacekeeping)
PUBH 6571	Social Marketing: Theory and Practice	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Nuclear Security Policy)
PUBH 6572	Marketing Research for Public Health	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Stabilization and Peacebuilding)
PUBH 6573	Media Advocacy for Public Health	IAFF 6148	Space and National Security
PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis	IAFF 6160	Defense Policy
B. Research methods and theory in global health		IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design	IAFF 6164	Environmental Security
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods	IAFF 6165	Fundamentals of Intelligence
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods	IAFF 6173	Security and Development
PUBH 6416	Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs	IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cyber Threats, Policy, and Strategy)
PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation	IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Illicit Finance and Security)
PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership	IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Insurgency and Counterinsurgency)
C. Global health		IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (International Organized Crime)
PUBH 6128	Global Environmental and Occupational Health	IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Nuclear Strategy)
PUBH 6132	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Low-Income Countries	IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Political Risk Analysis)
		IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Strategic Planning for the 21st Century)



IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (The Chinese Military)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (U.S. Grand Strategy)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Nationalism in Russia and Eurasia)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Ukraine and Georgia between Russia and the West)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (US-Russia Relations in the 21st Century)
PSC 6467	Asian Security*
PSC 8452	Theories of International Security
*If not taken as a core course	
Research methods (professional specialization)	
The course taken to fulfill the program requirement for a 3-credit research methods course cannot also be counted toward the research methods professional specialization. Students who choose to specialize in research methods must take a total of three methods courses, one to satisfy the methods requirement and two for the specialization.	
ANTH 6531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
EDUC 6112	Foundations of Assessment, Testing, and Measurement in Education
EDUC 6114	Introduction to Quantitative Research
EDUC 8122	Qualitative Research Methods
EDUC 8130	Survey Research Methods
EDUC 8131	Case Study Research Methods
GEOG 6304	Geographical Information Systems I
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Applied Qualitative Methods)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Data Analytics for International Affairs)
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research
PPPA 6014	Microeconomics for Public Policy II
PSC 8101	Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis
PUBH 6260	Applied Epidemiologic Data Analysis

PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis
SOC 6230	Foundations of Research Methods
SOC 6231	Quantitative Methods
SOC 6232	Qualitative Methods
Science, technology, and international affairs	
ANTH 6806	Technology
ECON 6255	Economics of Technological Change
EMSE 6030	Technological Forecasting and Management
IAFF 6107	The Science of Nuclear Materials
IAFF 6143	Science and Technology Policy Analysis
IAFF 6145	U.S. Space Policy
IAFF 6146	Space Law
IAFF 6148	Space and National Security
IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
IAFF 6152	Energy Policy
IAFF 6153	Science, Technology, and National Security
IAFF 6158	Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy (Issues in U.S. Space Policy)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cybersecurity)

Code	Title	Credits
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**Research methods requirement (3 credits)**

One course from the following. The course taken to fulfill this requirement cannot also be counted toward the research methods professional specialization or vice versa.

ANTH 6531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
EDUC 6114	Introduction to Quantitative Research
EDUC 8122	Qualitative Research Methods



EDUC 8130	Survey Research Methods
EDUC 8131	Case Study Research Methods
GEOG 6201	Geographic Thought
GEOG 6292	Qualitative Methods in Geography
GEOG 6304	Geographical Information Systems I
GEOG 6305	Geospatial Statistics
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Applied Qualitative Methods)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Data Analytics for International Affairs)
IAFF 6216	Analytic Tools for Global Policy
IAFF 6501	Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research
PPPA 6014	Microeconomics for Public Policy II
PSC 8101	Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health
PUBH 6247	Epidemiologic Methods I: Design of Health Studies
PUBH 6260	Applied Epidemiologic Data Analysis
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis
SOC 6230	Foundations of Research Methods
SOC 6231	Quantitative Methods
SOC 6232	Qualitative Methods

\*Only specific topics that are determined by the program director to be relevant to the student's program of study may be used to fulfill this requirement. Any topic intended to be used for this requirement must be approved by the program director prior to enrollment. Consult the Schedule of Classes (<http://my.gwu.edu/mod/pws/>) for each semester's offerings. Topics courses not listed

here may, with permission of the program director, be used to fulfill program requirements.

Additional information regarding skills courses (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/professional-skills-courses/>), the capstone (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/global-capstone/>), and the thesis (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/thesis/>) is available on the Elliott School website.

#### Language proficiency requirement

Students in the Asian studies program are required to demonstrate proficiency in a modern Asian language.

Students may demonstrate proficiency in Mandarin Chinese, Korean, or Japanese through one of the following methods:

1) Passing the oral and written proficiency exam administered by the Elliott School at the currently-required level of proficiency (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/foreign-language-proficiency-requirement/>). The Elliott School administers language proficiency examinations once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Students should plan to take the language proficiency examination as soon as possible following their matriculation in the program. Students have three opportunities to pass the examination.

2) Earning a grade of B or higher in one of the following courses in the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department:

CHIN 3106

CHIN 4107

CHIN 4108

JAPN 3106

JAPN 4107

JAPN 4108

KOR 3106

KOR 4107

KOR 4108

Failure to pass the examination for a third time, or to receive a sufficient grade in one of the approved courses, results in dismissal from the program.

Students seeking to fulfill the language requirement using a language other than Mandarin Chinese, Korean, or Japanese should consult with their academic advisor or the Program Director.

## COMBINED PROGRAMS

### Combined Programs

- Joint Master of Arts in Elliott School programs and Master of Business Administration (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-mba-ma-international-affairs/>)

- Joint Master of Arts and Juris Doctor (<https://current.bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-ma-jd/>)