

**The Master of Arts Degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures**  
**KOREAN LITERATURE**  
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Program Scope and Objectives**

The MA degree is offered in the field of Korean literary studies in major genres of poetry, fiction, and drama from the classical period to the 21st century. The program is designed to provide students with advanced academic training and scholarly expertise in the history, theory, and criticism of the chosen literary genres from a specific period. The program is also intended to provide professional training and practical teaching experience for future instructors and specialists in Korean literary studies. As the faculty and facilities in East Asian literatures within EALL are numerous and diverse, encouragement is given to those students who are interested in inter-East Asian literary/cultural research and teaching careers.

**Admission Requirements**

All applicants for the MA must have a BA in Korean or equivalent preparation and must submit three letters of recommendation and satisfactory GRE scores (TOEFL scores, minimum of 560, are required of international students). In addition, the applicant must meet the department's standards of competence in the Korean language. Advancement to candidacy also assumes knowledge of Korean literature equivalent to EALL 281 and EALL 282, in addition to the structure of the language and of linguistics equivalent to the courses KOR 451 and KOR 452.

**Diagnostic Evaluation Examination**

Before the first week of classes, the entering M.A. student is required to take the Diagnostic Evaluation Examination to determine the quality of his or her preparation for graduate work at the master's level in the chosen concentration. Only after passing this exam will the student be advanced to candidacy.

**Program of Studies**

**I. Plan A (Thesis)**

For Plan A, students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 18 credit hours in the major field and 6 credit hours of thesis research. A minimum of 12 credit hours in the major field must be earned in courses numbered 600 or higher, including a 700-level seminar and excluding EALL 699V. However, 699V may be applied in individual cases when it has been approved in advance by the student's advisor and Graduate Division as a substitute for a course numbered 600 or higher.

For students choosing Plan A, 6 credits of EALL700 V (Thesis Research) will replace the 6 (six) Elective credits. There will be a final oral defense of the thesis.

**II. Plan B (Non-thesis)**

For Plan B, students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 21 credit hours in the major field. A minimum of 18 credit hours in the major field must be earned in courses numbered 600 or higher, including a 700-level seminar and excluding 699V. However, EALL 699 V may be applied in individual cases when it has been approved in advance by the student's advisor as a substitute for a course numbered 600 or higher.

In the final semester of his or her MA program, the student will take a written examination, which covers his or her MA course work, with emphasis on the student's area of specialization (eg.: classical poetry, modern fiction, etc.) The examination will be followed by a final oral examination, which may also cover other areas of the student's graduate program.

### **Course Listings**

Students are required to seek their advisor's advice and approval in designing their individual graduate program.

### **Plan A**

#### **I. Required**

**1. All (12 credits):**

- EALL 601 Current Issues in East Asian Language Pedagogy (3)

**Or**

KOR 635 Pedagogy of Teaching Korean as a Second Language (3)

- KOR 614 (Alpha) Korean Narrative (3)
- KOR 652 Major Authors in Modern Korean Literature (3)
- KOR 720 Research Seminar in Korean Literature (3)

**2. 9 credits from:**

- KOR 613 (Alpha) Korean Verse (3)
- KOR 615 (Alpha) Korean Drama (3)
- KOR 640 Literary Translation of Korean (3)
- KOR 664 Topics and Issues in Modern Korean Literature (3)

**3. 3 credits from:**

- KOR 470 Language and Culture of Korea (3)
- KOR 633 Korean Syntax and Semantics (3)
- KOR 634 Korean Sociolinguistics (3)
- KOR 645 Research in Korean Language Acquisition (3)
- KOR 655 Practicum: Teaching Korean as a Second Language (3)

**4. EALL700 V Thesis Research (6 credits)**

### **Plan B**

In addition to the **required courses** listed above in the **Plan A** section (total 24 credits), students in **Plan B** must fulfill following course requirements:

**1. Electives (6 credits from approved courses below):**

- ASAN 651 East Asia Now (3)
- EALL 363C 20th-Century Chinese Literature and Culture (3)
- EALL 372B Modern Japanese Literature (3)
- EALL 384 Modern Korean Women Writers and Culture (3)
- HIST 650 Seminar: Comparative Asia (3)
- HIST 667 Seminar in Korean History (3)

**2. Final written and oral examinations**