

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Sample Study Plan for Major in Philosophy and Minor in East Asian Studies

East Asia has a long and rich philosophical tradition, which provides not only a valuable resource on its own, but also a contrast for gaining a deeper understanding of Western philosophy. In a pluralistic world today, building a cross-cultural education basis is particularly important. GVSU is proud of our unique strength in Eastern philosophy, particularly Chinese philosophy. With a major in philosophy, one can take PHI 210 (Eastern Philosophy) and PHI 306 (Eastern Great Philosophers), and take some additional courses for an EAS minor. The table below is a sample study plan for earning the major together with the minor. Please consult with an advisor in both programs to make your own plan.

Philosophy Major	EAS minor
30 credit hours, including PHI 103, 495 and 4 of the 5 history of philosophy courses (311, 312, 313, 314, 315) and one course in non-Western philosophy.	21-22 credit hours: 4 credits of Chinese or Japanese language beyond 201 level, 9 credits of core courses (EAS 201, EAS 301, PHI 210), and 9 credits of electives.
Year 1 (odd) Fall	
PHI 101	CHI 101*
PHI 102	
Winter	
PHI 103	CHI 102*
Year 2 (even) Fall	
PHI 311	CHI 201*
	GPY 354
Winter	
PHI 312	CHI 202 (4 credits)
Spring/Summer (study abroad in China)	
PHI 210	EAS 201
Year 3 (odd) Fall	
PHI 306	HST 342
PHI 313 or 314	PLS 283
Winter	
PHI 315	EAS 301
PHI 310	
Year 4 (even) Fall	
PHI 495	
Winter	
33 credits, 3 can be counted toward EAS elective	19 credits, + 3 PHI credits = 22.

* These are credit hours that are not included in the minor requirement.

January 2009