

Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures

Director, Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures

- Jill N. Beckman (Linguistics)

Chair, Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures

- Kendall Heitzman

General Education Language Coordinators

- Yumiko Nishi (Japanese), Irina Kostina (Russian), Yuan Lu (Chinese), Sang-Seok Yoon (Korean)

Undergraduate majors: Asian languages and literature (BA); Russian (BA)

Undergraduate minors: Asian languages and literature; Korean studies; Russian; Russian and Eastern European studies

Graduate degree: MA in Asian civilizations

Faculty: <https://asian-slavic.uiowa.edu/people>

Website: <https://asian-slavic.uiowa.edu/>

Facilities

Center for Language and Culture Learning

The Center for Language and Culture Learning provides a wide variety of facilities and services to the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures (DWLLC), including a 24-computer Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and five All-in-One Studios/small group study rooms equipped with video production and editing software, a Computer-Assisted Language Learning Lab with 25 computers integrated with Sanako software for language practice, and virtual reality hardware and development space.

The center provides spaces for quiet study as well as for group meetings. Departments, programs, and student organizations are welcome to host conversation hours, film nights, study groups, workshops, and more. Peer education services include peer tutoring programs in many of the languages taught in DWLLC, with both in-person and online availability, as well as the Directed Independent Language Study, through which faculty, staff, or students can be paired with a tutor to learn a language not taught in the DWLLC. Tutors are trained to use the Three Ms for Effective Learning, which include developing a growth mindset, using memory strategies to retain knowledge, and reflecting on learning gains.

University of Iowa Libraries

Since 1960 University of Iowa Libraries has routinely acquired most American titles in Asian studies and selected overseas scholarly publications in English and other Western languages. The Main Library's Asian collection includes approximately 80,000 volumes in Asian languages and about 140,000

Western-language volumes on Asian subjects. The university has been a member of the Library of Congress Foreign Currency Exchange Program for Indian books and periodicals since 1975. The library's nonprint media collection includes a growing number of Asian feature films. A Chinese-Japanese-Korean computer terminal gives students and faculty access to the growing Research Libraries Information Network database in Asian languages.