What will your curriculum look like?
Students have the option of completing a major or a minor in East Asian studies.

The major requires the following:
- Satisfactory completion of 10 semester courses from among the EAS and cross-listed course offerings. No course with a grade below C- can count towards the major requirement. At least five of the courses used to fulfill the major must be taken in residence.
- Completion of the 40-level or its equivalent in Chinese or Japanese. Students who can demonstrate this level of competence in another East Asian language may use it to fulfill this requirement. In a student’s first East Asian language, no course below the 40-level may count towards the 10 required courses for the major. However, if a student has achieved the 40-level in one language, courses in the additional East Asian languages at or above the 20-level may count toward the 10.
- The EAS core course, HIST 80a Introduction to East Asian Civilization
- From the EAS or cross-listed offerings: at least one course in the social sciences in addition to HIST 80a; at least one course in the humanities or creative arts; and an additional course in either the social sciences or in the humanities or creative arts.
- Candidates for honors are required to register for EAS 99d or for a similar course in an appropriate department, and to prepare an honors thesis on a topic relating to East Asia. If completed successfully, 99d (a year-long, two-semester course) may be counted as two of the 10 courses of the major.

The minor requires the following:
- Completion of the 40-level or its equivalent in Chinese or Japanese. Students who can demonstrate this level of competence in another East Asian language may use it to fulfill the requirement.
- The EAS core course, HIST 80a Introduction to East Asian Civilization.
- At least three additional courses from the EAS or cross-listed offerings. These three courses must be in at least two different departments.

Core courses include:
- CHIN 10a Beginning Chinese
- CHIN 20b Continuing Chinese
- CHIN 30a Intermediate Chinese
- CHIN 40b Advanced Intermediate Chinese
- HIST 80a Introduction to East Asian Civilization
- JAPN 10a Beginning Japanese
- JAPN 20b Continuing Japanese
- JAPN 30a Intermediate Japanese
- JAPN 40b Advanced Intermediate Japanese

Some examples of electives include:
- ANTH 178b Culture, Gender, and Power in East Asia
- ECON 64a East Asia’s Economies
- FA 12a History of Asian Art
- HIST 176a The Emergence of Modern Japan
- HIST 180b Topics in Modern Chinese History
- POL 148a Seminar in Contemporary Chinese Politics

What else does the East Asian studies program offer?
The East Asian studies program chair and faculty work together to provide students with a range of opportunities to meet other students in the program and also students and faculty from other disciplines—many East Asian studies majors pursue dual majors. We provide students with opportunities to participate in the East Asian Studies Colloquium, which invites leading international scholars to speak on both scholarly and timely topics. We also sponsor an annual Meet the East Asian Studies Faculty and East Asian Studies Majors event and dinner so that students can learn about faculty guidance, study abroad programs, and opportunities for summer internships.

What kind of career and educational options will you have?
Students who graduate with degrees in East Asian studies go on to careers in the academy, public service, international development, diplomacy, law, finance, and business.

How can you learn more?
Visit the program website at www.brandeis.edu/eastasia or contact the program chair, Professor Ralph A. Thaxton, Jr., at thaxton@brandeis.edu. To sign up for the major or minor, contact Professor Thaxton and/or Professor Qun Ao, the East Asian studies undergraduate advising head, at aq@brandeis.edu or 781-736-2961.