



Huron
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**CHINESE, JAPANESE and
EAST ASIA STUDIES**

Broaden Your
Horizons

LEADERSHIP *with heart*

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EXPLORE EAST ASIA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE GLOBAL CITIZEN, YOU NEED TO **BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE BEYOND YOUR OWN BACKYARD** AND UNDERSTAND A WIDE RANGE OF GLOBAL FORCES IN ORDER TO NAVIGATE OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

What better way to develop these insights than by building an awareness of the business, religion, politics, language and culture of one of the most influential areas in the world today — China, Japan and East Asia.

Distinguish yourself as a leader who can bridge North American and East Asian organizations. Develop the cultural sensitivity and foundational understanding about how different perspectives can be balanced to motivate action and achieve economic and social good.

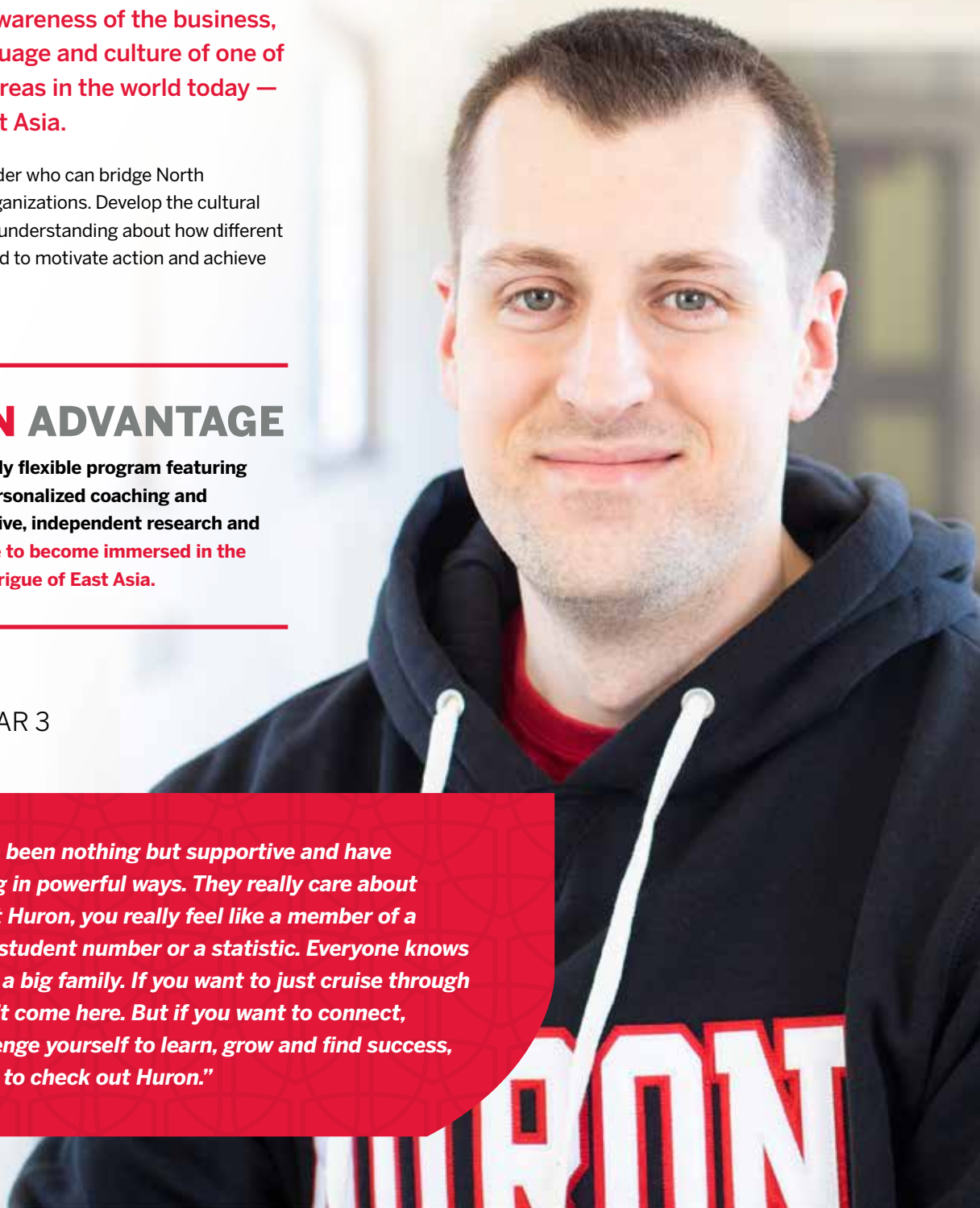
THE HURON ADVANTAGE

At Huron, you'll find a highly flexible program featuring small, intimate classes, personalized coaching and opportunities for imaginative, independent research and hands-on learning. **Prepare to become immersed in the beauty, complexity and intrigue of East Asia.**

DAVID DENIS | YEAR 3

BA in East Asia Studies

"All my professors have been nothing but supportive and have challenged my learning in powerful ways. They really care about seeing you succeed. At Huron, you really feel like a member of a community, not just a student number or a statistic. Everyone knows everyone here; it's like a big family. If you want to just cruise through school unnoticed, don't come here. But if you want to connect, get involved and challenge yourself to learn, grow and find success, I would encourage you to check out Huron."



FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

Your first year is all about exploration and discovery.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

Program options

| | Honors Specialization | Specialization | Major | Minor |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| East Asia Studies | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Japanese Studies | | | | ✓ |
| Japanese | | | ✓ | |
| Japan Studies | | | | ✓ |
| China Studies | | | | ✓ |
| Chinese Business Communications | | | | ✓ |
| Chinese Studies | | | | ✓ |
| Chinese | | | | ✓ |

First-Year Courses

CHINESE 1

An introduction to oral and written standard Chinese for students with no previous knowledge of the language and no previous exposure to Chinese culture.

JAPANESE 1

An introduction to spoken and written Japanese with emphasis on the development of communicative skills. Intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of Japanese.

PERSPECTIVES ON CHINA

An examination of China as it emerges in the era of globalization. Contents include territory, people, society, language, science and technology, development and sustainability. Taught in English.

CHINESE SYMBOLS & ICONS

A study of traditional symbols and icons ranging from “yin-yang,” “dragon,” “mandarin ducks” and “the double-happiness,” to “the three stars,” “Lord Guan” and “Avalokitesvara” (Guanyin). Taught in English.

PERSPECTIVES ON JAPAN

Contents include territory, people, language, religion, economy, popular culture, science and technology. Students investigate Japan and East Asia within today’s globalized world, identify their own cultural bias and critically evaluate diverse perspectives. Taught in English.

Sample First-Year Timetable

Required courses Elective courses

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| 9:30am – 11:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i> | 8:30am – 9:30am Psychology 1100E Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i> | 12:30pm – 2:30pm Chinese 1150 or Japanese 1050 Beginners Chinese/Japanese <i>1.00 credit</i> | 11:30am – 12:30pm English 1027F The Storyteller’s Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i> | 9:30am – 10:30am Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i> |
| 12:30pm – 2:30pm Chinese 1150 or Japanese 1050 Beginners Chinese/Japanese <i>1.00 credit</i> | 11:30am – 12:30pm English 1027F The Storyteller’s Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i> | 2:30pm – 4:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i> | 2:30pm – 3:30pm Chinese 1650G or Japanese 1650F Perspectives on China/Japan <i>0.50 credit</i> | 12:30pm – 1:30pm English 1027F The Storyteller’s Art I: Introduction to Narrative <i>0.50 credit</i> |
| | 2:30pm – 4:30pm Chinese 1650G or Japanese 1650F Perspectives on China/Japan <i>0.50 credit</i> | | 3:30pm – 5:30pm Economics 1021A Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i> | |

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor or major in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King’s, or a specialization, major or minor in a range of Huron programs such as:

- Centre for Global Studies
- Psychology
- Linguistics
- History
- Economics
- Foreign language pedagogy
- Political Science
- Philosophy



HARVARD
BUSINESS SCHOOL

Huron and HARVARD

As the only university partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online

“The Department of Chinese, Japanese and Asia Studies gives students the unique opportunity to learn about a distinct culture — thousands of miles away — while building critical thinking and creative writing skills, as well as developing their global perspective.”

MICHIYA KAWAI, PhD

Associate Professor and Coordinator
Japanese program



FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors.

Here are some of their areas of expertise:

- Chinese women's literature
- Chinese business culture
- General linguistics
- Japanese linguistics
- Foreign/Japanese language pedagogy



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

All Chinese, Japanese and East Asia Studies students are encouraged to pursue their interests through independent research. Examples of senior research projects include:

- Elderly care facilities: Their problems and potential solutions
- Net zero energy housing in Japan and Canada
- An experiential approach to foreign language teaching
- The effects of low birth-rate in contemporary Japan and its challenges
- Future of the Japanese automotive industry: a case study of the cultural challenges the Futaba Corporation faces in its North American operations
- Changing role of Japanese religion
- The globalization of Japanese fashion and pop culture



AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Cinema in the Chinese Mainland
- Chinese Cities and Chinese Culture
- Fiction and Chinese Society
- Chinese Diasporic Literature in North America
- Chinese Symbols and Icons
- Trauma, Memory and Narrative
- Japan Through Film
- Cultural Foundations of Modern Japan
- Business Translation



GET INVOLVED!

- Join Huron's weekly Friday lunch-time Japanese conversation club, or connect with Western's Japanese club.
- Volunteer in the Ontario Area Japanese Speech Contest.
- Serve as an instructional assistant at the Mori-no-Machi (Forest City) Japanese language school on Saturdays.
- Be a peer guide for exchange students from East Asia. Help organize Huron's annual Japan Day and China Day

WHY CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND EAST ASIA STUDIES?

- Prepare yourself for a variety of careers. Employers today are looking for people with the ability to analyze information to find creative solutions to problems and effectively communicate their ideas. These skills are acquired when studying language and literature.
- Gain an edge over the competition. Distinguish yourself from other job applicants with competency in more than one language.
- Increase your job opportunities. Bilingualism will make you eligible for more jobs both within and outside of Canada.
- See the world from another perspective. Globalization of the business world demands leaders with a greater awareness of other cultures.
- Acquire deeper understanding of your own culture. Explore your cultural assumptions and biases by studying different languages, perspectives and ways of life.

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Graduates of this program apply a thorough understanding of the historical, cultural, linguistic and social influences that spur and halt change within and between cultures.

- Teaching (foreign language in Canada)
- Teaching (English in East Asia)
- Graduate studies on East Asia
- Interpreting/translating
- Canadian and International business (in East Asia)
- NGOs
- Politics
- Journalism
- Diplomatic services
- Intelligence analysis
- Foreign services



“International experiences at Huron have shaped me into the person I am today.”

NICOLE PYSZKA, Class of 2019, double major in East Asia Studies and French; completed year-long exchange in Japan

TRAVEL STUDY



MANY OF OUR STUDENTS SPEND ONE OR TWO SEMESTERS WITH EXCHANGE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS IN CHINA, JAPAN AND VARIOUS PLACES IN EAST ASIA, WHERE THEY IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, LEARN BY EXPERIENCE AND GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THESE INFLUENTIAL SOCIETIES.

EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of East Asia Studies include:

- Teaching English in Asia and overseas

RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AS:

- MyWellness Committee Member
- Red Surge Member
- French & East Asian Studies Representative

NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!



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career-development](https://www.huronatwestern.ca/career-development)



SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES: ARE YOU A HIGH-ACHIEVING, SELF-MOTIVATED STUDENT INTERESTED IN PURSUING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH? APPLY TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS THAT FOSTERS RESEARCH SKILLS AND COLLABORATION.

[huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program](https://www.huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Chinese, Japanese and East Asia Studies at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Chinese Language Prize
- The Japanese Program Award of Distinction

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