This course fulfills a Tier 1 Traditions and Cultures and Diversity Emphasis requirement.

In this course, we explore the linguistic and cultural aspects of East Asian languages, focusing on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. We will, in part, 1) learn about the linguistic structures of these languages (and a bit about English); 2) introduce several East Asian cultures by examining how culture influences language use in Japan, China, Korea, and America; and 3) examine basic cultural views on topics such as family, gender, minorities, and philosophy of each of the countries.

This course is a good fit for students interested in Japanese, Chinese, and/or Korean culture, as well as for students interested in linguistics and anthropology. No language background in Japanese, Chinese, or Korean required.