

STUDENT HANDBOOK ADDENDUM:

QUARTER-TO-SEMESTER TRANSITION

BEGINNING SUMMER 2012

Interdisciplinary Master of Arts in East Asian Studies The Ohio State University

INTRODUCTION

The Ohio State University will transition from a quarter system to a semester system, commencing in Summer 2012. For students who will be continuing their graduate study during this transition, the following university-wide resources are available:

Graduate School Handbook, Semester Version:

http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/DEPO/PDF/GS_HANDBOOK_SEMESTERS.pdf.

Additional Resources:

<http://oaa.osu.edu/semesterconversion.html>

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The Interdisciplinary M.A. Program in East Asian Studies will ensure that graduate students will continue to make progress toward graduation and will not carry any extra burden due to semester conversion. Student advising during the transition will take place one-on-one in order to meet the individual needs of each student. Students should consult their faculty adviser and/or the Graduate Studies Chair.

The chart on page 2 of this document illustrates for both quarter and semester versions of the program:

1. M.A. program elements
2. the number of courses/credit hours required
3. notes that provide additional clarification of particular program elements

All requirements for the degree retain the same structure under both quarter and semester systems, with only a reduction in the number of language courses without changing the minimum level of language achievement required for graduation. With this one exception, only the credit hours have been adjusted to correlate with the new semester system. Since the plan introduces no structural changes to the program, pre-semester MA requirements will continue to apply to students who matriculated under quarters, and students entering under semesters will follow the same requirements.

For explanations of types of semester courses as well as an updated administrative timeline and course approval forms, see the EAS MA Program Semester Handbook, located at

<http://easc.osu.edu/easdegpgm.html>.

Comparison of Quarter System and Semester System Degree Requirements

	QUARTER SYSTEM		SEMESTER SYSTEM		Notes
	# Courses	Credit hours	# Courses	Credit hours	
Minimum for degree	18	90	16	48	
Minimum Language & Language-Use courses	6	30	4	12 <i>(must complete Level 3 prior to graduation)</i>	"Language-use" encompasses non-language courses in which substantial use of foreign language materials is required
Area/discipline of concentration	7	35	7	21	"Area" refers to geographic area, e.g., China, Korea, or Japan
Area/discipline outside concentration	4	20	4	12	"Area" refers to geographic area, e.g., China, Korea, or Japan
Required foundation course (797/7405 "Introduction to Graduate-Level East Asian Studies")	1	5	1	3	Course is cross-listed under History of Art, East Asian Languages & Literatures, and History departments
WITHIN THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS					
Courses required to be full graduate credit	9	45	8	24	600/6000+ level courses
Research-oriented courses	2	10	2	6	700/7000+ level courses (or 800/8000 + levels for some depts.)
Maximum non-grad credit courses counting toward graduation	6 <i>(Level I and Level II language courses)</i>	30	4 <i>(Level I and Level II language courses)</i>	17 <i>(2 sem Level I & 1st sem II @ 4 ea, 1 Sem Level II @ 5)</i>	