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Requirements

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The PhD requires a minimum of 45 credits in graduate courses numbered 5000 or above in Chinese or Japanese, and 30 credits of dissertation work beyond the required coursework. Selection of courses should be made in consultation with the director of graduate studies in Chinese or Japanese (see the department’s Graduate Advising (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising) webpage). Academic preparation is expected in both classical and modern language.

Some graduate or advanced undergraduate coursework from related fields may also be included, in accordance with Graduate School rules. Additionally, some coursework completed for the MA degree at CU or other similarly rigorous institutions may count toward the 45 credits required. PhD students may transfer to the department up to 21 hours of acceptable graduate-level credit.

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