

**East Asia Region Studies  
Programme of graduate studies**

<b>Code of programme</b>	62602S106 [621L20007 since 2010]
<b>Area of studies</b>	Social Sciences
<b>Field of studies</b>	Political Sciences
<b>Programme</b>	East Asia Region Studies
<b>Specializations of programme</b>	
<b>Level of studies</b>	Master
<b>Mode of studies and term (years)</b>	D (2)
<b>Official length of programme (credits)</b>	80
<b>Name of qualification</b>	Master of Political Sciences
<b>Minimum background</b>	Bachelor's degree

**Purpose**

The graduate studies program has a goal to prepare highly qualified specialists and to develop main skills, such as: understanding the globalization-determined factors of the region; ability to highlight the specific regional features, to analyze the incidents and experiences of the world, and to use this experience for Lithuanian case; as well as know-how of communication peculiarities of the region.

**Competencies acquired**

Graduates of the *East Asia Region Studies* program obtain the following skills:

- to evaluate the political, economical and cultural processes of the world;
- to communicate in the international environment; to work in groups, discuss and express opinion, to use information technologies.
- to have the knowledge of political science, economics, international relations;
- to know at least one of the East Asia languages;
- to analyze the fundamental political and economic processes and tendencies within the East Asia region countries (i.e. Japan, China and Korea), and to evaluate them in an appropriate manner.

**Career opportunities**

Graduates of the programme of the Baltic region studies will have a possibility to work in various state, non-governmental and private institutions such as:

- Lithuanian government institutions (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Asia, Africa, America and Oceania),
  - diplomatic missions (embassies, business, tourism, culture promotion centres in East Asia Countries),
  - EU institutions,
  - diplomatic missions of East Asia countries in Lithuania,
  - economy units (international organizations, business companies which have interest in the East Asia region. East Asia countries' companies branches in Lithuania and Europe)
  - Educational institutions, e.g. institutions of higher education, institutes of scientific research
- Graduates of the programme of the East Asia region studies are offered the possibility to continue their studies in the post-graduate programme in the field of Social Sciences. After these studies they will be granted doctoral degrees.

**Final evaluation**

By their fourth and final semester, Master's students have completed the lecture course portion of the program and are able to concentrate on preparing their Master's theses. The program is

completed with a Master's thesis defence.

### Access requirements

Students applying to the East Asia Region Studies Master's degree program must have Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, and a grade point average of at least 7.0. The basic selection criteria are:

- Bachelor's studies grade point average;
- Bachelor's thesis grade;
- Priority is given to students with Bachelor's degrees from the social sciences and humanities;
- Priority is given to students with Political Science certificate;
- It is recommended that applicants have completed the following prerequisites: Introduction of Political Science, Introduction to International Relations, Political Philosophy and Introduction of Economics;

### Complementary studies

It is recommended that applicants have completed the following prerequisites: Introduction of Political Science, Introduction to International Relations, Political Philosophy and Introduction of Economics. The complementary studies are organized for the students who have not completed these courses.

### Curriculum

Subject	Code	Credits	Level of subject (widing -W, deeping-D)
<b>Compulsory subjects (8)</b>			
Regional Studies and Academic Writing	BRS 5001	3	D
Politics and International Relations in East Asia	RRS5002	4	D
Politics of Development and Environment in East Asia	RRS5003	4	W
Ethnicity and National Politics in East Asia	RRS5004	4	W
Case of Korea: Democracy and Totalitarism in East Asia	RRS6001	3	W
Political Development of China	RRS6002	3	D
Postwar Japan's society and politics	RRS 5018	3	D
Regions Evolution in the International System	BRS6006	3	D
<b>Optional Subjects (3)</b>			
Japanese language (1 level)	JAP0311	4	W
Japanese language (2 level)	JAP0312	4	W
Japanese language (3 level)	JAP0313	4	W
Korean language (1 level)	KOR0311	4	W
Korean language (2 level)	KOR0312	4	W
Korean language (3 level)	KOR0313	4	W
Chinese language (1 level)	KIN0311	4	W
Chinese language (2 level)	KIN0312	4	W
Chinese language (3 level)	KIN0313	4	W
<b>Optional Subjects (3)</b>			
The History of Political Ideas in the XX Century	POP5011	3	D
Chinese Culture and Civilization	RRS5016	3	W
The History of Korean Culture	RRS5017	3	W
Japanese Culture: the Heritage and the Present	RRS 6003	3	W

Situation			
Contemporary Political Anthropology	POP5016	3	D
Special Course	RRS5019	4	W/D
Small and Medium Size States Economic Policy	ADI6006	4	D
<b>Term Paper (3)</b>			
Research Project, No. 1	RRS5011	4	D
Research Project, No. 2	RRS5012	5	D
Research Project, No. 3	RRS 6007	3	D
<b>Master's Paper</b>			
Master's Thesis		20	D
<b>Total:</b>		<b>80</b>	