

Asian Studies (Interdisciplinary Minor)

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The Asian studies minor was created out of recognition that the vast region labeled “Asia” has greatly influenced, and continues to influence, human experience throughout the world. Whether Asia is viewed as a source of world religions, as an area that encompasses half the earth’s population, as a region that reflects much of the economic growth of the last few decades, or as a microcosm of the diversity of political and economic policies, it is clear that gaining a better understanding of Asia requires an interdisciplinary approach. The Asian studies minor builds upon the strengths of courses in the social sciences and humanities that focus on Asia or on particular Asian countries. The confluence of these courses allows students to develop an integrated understanding of the region, to read difficult texts, to understand and formulate abstract ideas, and to make informed judgments about a world of many cultures. This focus on the “other” is fundamental to all students’ understanding of their own culture and to the values that shape their worldview. We hope that from this understanding students can begin to construct bridges across cultures.

The learning outcomes of the Asian studies minor prepare the student to...

- use an interdisciplinary framework to understand a foreign culture;
- understand and reflect on the cultures of Asia in relation to the student’s own culture;
- read and speak Japanese or Chinese at a level sufficient to begin study in either country;
- augment a student’s major coursework with a concentration in Asia; and
- understand the role that Asia plays in shaping the contemporary world as well as the ways in which outside forces have shaped Asia.

Requirements for an Asian Studies Minor (18)

Language: proficiency at the 202 level in Japanese or Chinese (no more than six language credits can count toward the minor)

Additional courses (must take courses in at least two disciplines):

AS 102/HI 102	The Pacific World
AS 104/HI 104	Political History of Beijing
AS 105/HI 105	Cultural Odyssey of China
AS 114/AR 114	Chinese Gardens and Temples
AS 304W/HI 304W	Political History of Beijing
AS 305W/HI 305W	Cultural Odyssey of China
AS 345/HI 345	Cultural History of China and Japan
AS 256/PH 256	Asian Philosophy
AS 346/HI 346	Modern China and East Asia
AS 344	Contemporary China and East Asia (Cross-listed as PO 346)
AS 347/PO 347	Globalization in Southeast Asia

See advisor for current applicable courses.

Foreign study: Students pursuing an Asian studies minor must complete at least three of their credits through a foreign-study experience in an Asian country. 3

Courses

AS 102	The Pacific World (Cross-listed as HI 102)	3
AS 104	Political History of Beijing (Cross-listed as HI 104)	3
AS 105	Cultural Odyssey of China (Cross-listed as HI 105)	3
AS 114	Chinese Gardens and Temples (Cross-listed as AR 114)	3
AS 256	Asian Philosophy (Cross-listed as PH 256)	3
AS 300W	Christianity in Asia (Cross-listed as HI 300W)	3
AS 304W	Political History of Beijing (Cross-listed as HI 304W)	3

AS 305W	Cultural Odyssey of China (Cross-listed as HI 305W)	3
AS 307W	History of Chinese Literature (Cross-listed as HI 307W)	3
AS 344	Contemporary China and East Asia (Cross-listed as PO 346)	3
AS 345	Cultural History of China and Japan (Cross-listed as HI 345)	3
AS 346	Modern China and East Asia (Cross-listed as HI 346)	3
AS 347	Globalization in Southeast Asia (Cross-listed as PO 347)	3
AS 359	Introduction to Technology & Culture: Study Abroad Program Preparation (Cross-listed as CS 359)	1
AS 381	International Business Abroad (Cross-listed as BU 381)	3

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