

# Asian Studies

Asia has had a long history. It has been home to some of the world's first civilizations, the source of numerous great inventions, and witness to an archaic form of globalization. Asia has continued to be significant in contemporary times and remains perhaps the most important site of future economic and political development. It is the world's largest continent: Over 60% of the world's population resides in Asia. Asia has seen the rise of global economic powerhouses, such as Japan and the Four Asian Tigers (Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan), as well as the emergence of the world's most populous democracy, India. China, the country which may soon become the next global superpower in both economic and military terms, is also located in Asia. As such, Asia remains crucial to American national interests.

The Asian Studies Program offers an Asian Studies minor whose initial core area is East Asia, due to the region's historical and contemporary significance. Although the program emphasizes China and Japan, students also study linkages between these two countries and other parts of East Asia (the Korean Peninsula, Mongolia, and Taiwan), as well as connections between East Asia and other regions, such as Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and Oceania. Through course offerings focused on Asian histories, businesses, politics, economies, religions, cultures, and languages, this program seeks to cultivate an understanding and appreciation of Asia. The program design fosters familiarity with interdisciplinary approaches, cross-cultural interactions, and global events.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will have, or will be able to:

1. Reflect a general understanding and appreciation of Asia by showing awareness of Asian histories, businesses, politics, societies, economies, religions, cultures, and languages in writing assignments.
2. Achieve a nuanced understanding of the diversity between various countries within Asia and connections between different regions such as East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and Oceania.
3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of key events, themes, and peoples over time through taking a required introductory course in the chosen core area(s).
4. Demonstrate awareness of different disciplinary approaches, cross-cultural interactions, and global events through completing readings in different scholarly disciplines and fields.
5. Attain proficiency in an Asian language equivalent to the 102 level.

The program's learning outcomes are student-centered, concrete, higher order, measurable, and inclusive.

## Minors

### Minor in Asian Studies - 4 Units

Code	Title	Units
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
ASIA 200S	Introduction to East Asian Studies <sup>1</sup>	1
Proficiency in an Asian language equivalent to the 102 level (to be determined by the Asian Studies Program Committee).		
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select three courses from the following: <sup>2</sup>		3
Any School of Business Administration course with a focus on East Asia		
ASIA 290	Special Topics Asian Studies	
ASIA 390	Special Topics Asian Studies	
DIGA 251	Digital Video Fundamentals	
HIST 270H	The History of Modern China	
HIST 271H	The History of Modern Japan	
HIST 347H	World War II in Asia: The Second Sino-Japanese War	
HIST 348V	Maritime China and Chinese Migration (Junior Seminar)	
HIST 349H	War and Diplomacy in Modern East Asia	
RELS 252B	Religions of China and Japan	
RELS 334V	Buddhism: The Middle Way	
RELS 335V	Religion and Violence in Asia	
RELS 336B	Society and the Supernatural in Asia	
SOCI 215V	Population, Society, and Environment	
SOCI 337V	Sociology of Developing Societies	

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Total Units

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<sup>1</sup> It is strongly recommended that this course is to be completed prior to the senior year.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum of two courses from one department.

## Courses

### **ASIA 200S. Introduction to East Asian Studies. 1 Unit.**

This course is an introduction to East Asian societies from pre-modern times to the present day. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary approaches towards studying China, Japan, and Korea. Coverage includes major events and personalities, political systems and diplomatic relations, beliefs and religions, ideologies and philosophies, cross-cultural contact within East Asia and with non-East Asian societies, and contemporary popular culture. Writing-enhanced course. No prerequisites.

### **ASIA 290. Special Topics Asian Studies. 0.5 or 1 Units.**

Study of an Asian Studies topic. Letter-graded. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and program director.

### **ASIA 390. Special Topics Asian Studies. 0.5 to 1 Units.**

Study of an Asian Studies topic. Letter-graded. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and program director.