Asian Studies Program

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Objectives

Asian Studies is a multi-disciplinary program that prepares students to intellectually engage in one of the most dynamic and important areas of the world. It will enable students to understand diverse patterns of Asian life and society, strengthen their skills and knowledge of the area through intense language and interdisciplinary training, and enhance their appreciation of Asian culture and civilization.

Students majoring in Asian Studies will be prepared to undertake entry-level professional jobs in the realm of Asian commerce, communication, or social justice work, or continue on to advanced studies of Asian and international studies in a variety of disciplines.

Degree Offered

Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered

Asian Studies

Minor Offered

Asian Studies

Requirements

In order to earn the bachelor of arts degree with a major in Asian Studies, students must complete a minimum of 180 credits with a cumulative and a major/program grade point average of 2.00, including the following:

I. Core Curriculum Requirements

ENGL 110	**College Writing: Inquiry and Argument**	**5**
PHIL 110	**Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking**	**5**
HIST 120	**Origins of Western Civilization**	**5**
ENGL 120	**Introduction to Literature**	**5**
MATH 107 or 110 or above		**5**
Lab Science		**5**
Fine Arts (one approved 5 credit course; see course descriptions)		**5**
PHIL 220 Philosophy of the Human Person		**5**
Social Science I (different discipline from Social Science II)		**5**
Social Science II (Choose ECON 271, ECON 272, PLSC 230 or PLSC 260)		***5**
Theology and Religious Studies Phase II (200-299)		**5**
Ethics (upper division)		**5**
Theology and Religious Studies Phase III (300-399)		**5**
Interdisciplinary		**3 to 5**
Senior Synthesis		**3 to 5**

*Included in major GPA.

II. College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Chinese or Japanese 115, 125, 135 or equivalent 15
HIST 121 Studies in Modern Civilization 5

NOTE: All students with a major in the College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate competency through the level of 135 in a language other than English. This competency is ordinarily achieved by successful completion of the three-course sequence: 115, 125 and 135. Because these courses are a college requirement, no courses in the sequence may be taken on a pass/fail, correspondence, or audit basis. Placement into other than the beginning course of the sequence is achieved by acceptable performance on the Modern Language Competency Examination. See the Modern Languages Department for details on the examination. International students educated to age 16 in an Asian language may request a waiver of the language requirement.

Courses taken to fulfill the major in Asian Studies may not simultaneously be used to fulfill core or college requirements. For example, a single course may not count as both a core interdisciplinary course and a major elective.

III. Major Requirements

60 credits in three areas of Asian Studies, including:

Area I: Foundation for Asian Studies

Chinese or Japanese 215, 225, 235 ..... *15
AIST 200 Introduction to Asian Studies 5

*International students educated to age 16 in an Asian language may request a waiver of the language requirement, substituting additional approved electives in Asian Studies areas.

Area II: Modern Themes of Asian Studies

Choose two of the following courses that focus on theoretical methodology of Asian Studies, emphasizing issues beyond state-nation boundaries to cover larger regional concerns: 10

AIST 480 Critical Issues in SE Asia
AIST 480 Human Rights in Asia
HIST 388 East Meets West
HIST 389 Modern Asia Revolutions
PSYC 483 Multi-Cultural Psychology: Vietnam and Vietnamese Americans

Special Topic Courses:
Contemporary South Asian Literature and Culture
Household, Family and Society in Asia

Interdisciplinary Course:
CMJR 480-483 Sex Justice in Asia

Area III: Major Electives

Choose six courses from the following, including courses from at least three different disciplines:..... 30

AIST 480 Interdisciplinary Core Course
ART 213 Survey of Asian Art
ART 318 Art Traditions of Japan
ART 319 Arts of China
ENGL 361 Literature of India
ENGL 430 Japanese Drama
HIST 381 Pre-Modern China

HIST 383	**Modern China**
HIST 385	**Traditional Japan**
HIST 386	**History of Southeast Asia**
HIST 387	**Modern Japan**
PLSC 332	**Politics of Japan**
PLSC 334	**Chinese Politics**
THRS 231	**Christian-Buddhist Dialogue**
THRS 333	**Buddhism and Gender**
THRS 334	**Asian Religions**
LANGUAGE	**Chinese or Japanese above 235**

Special Topic Courses:
Cultural History of Asia
European Colonialism in Asia
China's Past and Present
History and Religion of India
Chinese Religion

Interdisciplinary Core course:
CMJR 480-483 Cross Cultural Communications: China

A maximum of 10 credits may be selected as major electives from the following. Students interested in economics and business should seek special advising from the director of the program.

ECON 271	**Principles of Economics—Macro**
ECON 272	**Principles of Economics—Micro**
ECON 325	**International Political Economy**
ECON 330	**International Economic Events**
ECON 375	**Asian Economic Development**
ECON 376	**Economic Development**
ECON 378	**Financial Markets and Economic Development**
ECON 472	**International Economics**
ECON 477	**Policy Analysis in International Development**
ECON 479	**Economic Growth**
INST/PLSC 365	**East Asian Security**
PLSC 230	**Comparing Nations**
PLSC 260	**Introduction to International Politics**
PLSC 362	**Global Governance**

V. Additional Requirements

General electives to total 180 credits

1. No more than 15 credits from this major will be counted towards any minor.

Minor in Asian Studies

To earn a minor in Asian Studies, students must take 30 credits in Asian studies, including:
Chinese or Japanese 115, 125, and 135 ..... *15
Approved Asian Studies electives, one of which must be in modern themes of Asian studies 15
*International students educated to age 16 in an Asian language may request a waiver of the language requirement, substituting additional approved electives in Asian Studies areas.

See policy for minors *(84-1)* for more information.

Asian Studies Courses

AIST 200 Introduction to Asian Studies 5

A major requirement introducing the main themes and eras in the field of Asian studies; intended to prepare students for continuing studies in the discipline.

AIST 291-293 Special Topics ..... 1 to 5

AIST 296 Directed Study ..... 1 to 5

AIST 391-393 Special Topics ..... 1 to 5

AIST 396 Directed Study ..... 1 to 5

AIST 480-483 Interdisciplinary Core Course ..... 3 to 5

Title and content may change each term.

AIST 491-493 Special Topics ..... 1 to 5

AIST 496 Independent Study ..... 1 to 5

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