The Asian Studies Program is designed to provide students with a coherent introduction to the language, history, and culture of East, Southeast, and South Asia and to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the major social and political forces at work in the region, supported by appropriate language training. We offer in-depth examinations of particular countries while also analyzing transnational issues that connect Asia, other regions, and the rest of the world including the United States through our Asian-related courses in anthropology, art, Asian studies, Chinese, education, English, ethnic studies, geography, history, humanities and religious studies, Japanese, kinesiology, Korean, music, philosophy, Punjabi, sociology, women’s studies, and world languages & literatures. Students are highly encouraged to study an Asian language and consider study abroad, with multiple programs offered across Asia.

Graduates of the program utilize their knowledge and training to continue their studies at graduate institutions or through employment in government, business, or education. The program actively increases the awareness of Asia on our campus and is a resource for the community in the capital region through its support for student clubs, faculty colloquia, and cultural activities.

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Asian Studies

Requirements – Bachelor of Arts degree
Units required for the Major: 39-43
Minimum total units required for the BA: 120

Students are introduced to Asian Studies through the flexible course requirements below, with lower division courses offering a foundation and upper division classes providing a culminating experience. Electives are grouped geographically for logical clarity and convenience and map the scope and scale of our expertise. Please consult a faculty advisor for questions.

A. Core Requirements (6 units)
1. ASIA 1 Asia in the World Today
2. ASIA 198 Modernity and Globalization in Asia

B. Foundational Core (6 units): select two
1. ART 3A Traditional Asian Art
2. ART 3B Modern & Contemporary Asian Art
3. HIST 6 Asian Civilizations
4. HRS 70 Arts & Ideas of Asia I
5. HRS 71 Arts & Ideas of Asia II

C. Culminating Core (6 units): select two
1. ASIA 110 Anthropology of Contemporary Asia
2. ASIA 111 Asian Migration and Diaspora
3. HIST 192C Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asia
4. POLS 145 Asian Politics

D. Electives (21-25 units)
Note: Students must complete a minimum of 7 classes that equal a minimum of 21 units, from at least 4 groups. Seven 3-unit classes equal 21 units. Kinesiology courses may be 1 unit, Language courses may be 4 units. Thus, 7 classes that include language may total up to 25 units.

GROUP 1: CHINA
ANTH 148 Anthropology of Chinese Societies
ASIA 146 US-China Relations
CHIN 2A Intermediate Mandarin
CHIN 2B Intermediate Mandarin
CHIN 110 Advanced Mandarin: Modern Chinese Fiction
CHIN 120 Chinese Civilizations
CHIN 150 Survey of Chinese Literature
HIST 148A China: Antiquity to 1600
HIST 148B China, 1600-present
HRS 172 The Classical Culture of China
HRS 173 Chinese Philosophy and Religion
KINS 40 Tai Chi
KINS 118C Martial Arts: Tai Chi
PHIL 145A Chinese Philosophy
HRS 178A Religions of India I: The Formative Period
HRS 178B Religions of India II: Modern

GROUP 2: JAPAN
ANTH 134 Japanese Culture and Society
ASIA 96 The Way of Chanoyu (Japanese Tea)
HIST 146A Cultural History of Japan to 1800
HIST 146B Modern Japan 1800 to present
HIST 146C History of Manga
HRS 174 Modern Japanese Literature and Culture
JAPN 2A Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 2B Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 110 Introduction to Japanese Literature
JAPN 116A Language and Culture of the Japanese
JAPN 120 Japanese Civilization
JAPN 128 Introduction to Japanese Popular Culture
KINS 46 Beginning Judo
KINS 50 Uechi-Ryu Karate
KINS 118A Martial Arts: Karate

GROUP 3: KOREA
ASIA 134 History of Korea: Antiquity-Present
ASIA 135 Contemporary Korean Culture
ASIA 136 Korean Development and Behavior
ART 117C Art of Korea
EDUC 128 Education/Communication in Korean Society
KINS 43 Beginning Tae Kwon Do
KINS 118B Martial Arts: Tae Kwon Do
KORN 2A Intermediate Korean
KORN 2B Intermediate Korean

GROUP 4: SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA
ANTH 147 Peoples of Southeast Asia
ANTH 149 Cultures of South Asia
ART 117A Arts of India and Southeast Asia
ASIA 151 Genocide in Southeast Asia
HIST 144 Indonesia, 1965: Cold War Mass Murder
HIST 145 South Asian History & Civilization
HIST 149 The Making of Modern Southeast Asia
HIST/HRS 147 History of Buddhism
HRS 178A Religions of India I: The Formative Period
HRS 178B Religions of India II: Modern

GROUP 5: ASIAN-AMERICAN
ENGL 180M Asian American Literature
ETHN 14 Introduction to Asian American Studies
ETHN 110 The Asian American Experience
ETHN 111 Southeast Asians in the U.S.
ETHN 112 Contemporary Asian American Issues
ETHN 113 Asian American Communities
ETHN 114 Asian Americans and Globalization
ETHN 116 Asian American Politics and Public Policy
ETHN/WOMS 118 Asian American Women
ETHN 119 The Filipino American Experience
ETHN 121 Hmong American Experience
ETHN 122 Sikhs Americans and Globalization
ETHN 167 Asian American Families

GROUP 6: PAN-ASIA
ART 3A Traditional Asian Art
ART 3B Modern & Contemporary Asian Art
ART 113B Asian Art & Mythology
ART 115 Topics in Asian Art
ART 117B Art of China and Japan
ASIA 110 Anthropology of Contemporary Asia
ASIA 111 Asian Migration and Diaspora
ASIA 140 Modern East Asian Cinema
ASIA 190 Travel Study in Asia
ASIA 195 Internship: Asian Studies
GEOG 125 Geography of East Asia
HIST 6 Asian Civilizations
HIST/HRS 147 History of Buddhism
HIST 192C Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asia
HRS 70 Arts & Ideas of Asia I
HRS 71 Arts & Ideas of Asia II
HRS 171 Introduction to the East Asian World
HRS 175 Zen Buddhism and Daoism
HRS 176 The Confucian Tradition
MUSC 119A World Music: Asia
POLS 145 Asian Politics
SOC 160 Asian Societies