



Why Asian Studies?

Glad you are considering a major or minor in Asian Studies! Studying Asia is crucial for understanding the world's largest and most populous continent, its rich heritage, burgeoning economies, complex relationships, and dramatic influence on global affairs. Our major can help you develop tangible skills: adaptability, open-mindedness, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, language training, regional expertise, and more. Our program is also well-suited to pairing with your current pathway, earning a credential with a second major or minor. It is up to you to chart your future course, but we can help!

So, what do you do with a degree in Asian Studies? Graduates of the program may utilize their knowledge and training to continue their studies at graduate institutions here in the United States or in Asia, or through employment in government, business, or education. Teach Asian history or languages in K-12, relocate to Asia temporarily to teach English, or consider jobs with international educational exchange programs. Advocate for and provide services to Asian populations that also have made a home in the Sacramento region. Address public policy related to Asia in sectors such as the environment, trade, media, and other issues. Explore Asian-based companies that operate in California, perhaps in the tech or entertainment industry. You may even try to think of a start-up company yourself, an idea perhaps inspired by your study abroad experience; and if your language abilities improve, whole other areas of opportunity emerge. (see links on our website).

Of course, the unfortunate reality is that many students from many majors don't find jobs directly tied to their studies. In that regard, your most important ticket to widespread and improved opportunities is simply having a bachelor's degree (in this case Asian studies). In this sense, choosing a major that interests you and excites your passion is the best decision. Once in the workforce, it is hard to be strategic in career pathways amid your daily responsibilities, but life skills and lived experiences developed at Sac State remain valuable, while keeping an eye open for those opportunities related to Asia