

# ASIAN & ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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The Asian Studies program offers students the opportunity to deepen their international outlook and cultural understanding of Asia through interdisciplinary study that draws on the expertise of faculty from over 10 academic departments. Our major and minor in Asian Studies combine Japanese or Chinese language study with regional coverage of South, Southeast, East, and Northeast Asia. Students who major in Asian Studies often choose to pursue a minor or a second major in a different discipline to broaden their academic experience.

*New in fall 2023*, a minor in Asian American Studies complements the Asian Studies major and minor, offering students an opportunity to study Asian American history, culture, and society from the perspective of different disciplines. Through courses in literature, sociology, history, cultural geography, and media studies, students will increase their awareness of this important community in the U.S.

The Asian Studies program strongly encourages study abroad in Asia. Through the campus' [Center for International Programs](#), students have access to many opportunities including, but not limited to, programs in China, Japan, Korea, and India.

Graduates with expertise in Asia are sought by employers in a wide range of professions, including academia, business, government and think tanks, international companies and organizations, libraries and museums, media, non-profit organizations, and the teaching professions at home and abroad.

## Asian Studies (BA) Program Learning Outcomes

- Speak, read and write at least one Asian language (at the intermediate level);
- Demonstrate an integrated, balanced understanding of the region in the humanities/arts and the social sciences (General Education: Critical Thinking and Reasoning);
- Conduct research on Asia and exhibit a familiarity and comfort with various data sources on Asia (General Education: Information Literacy);
- Illustrate skills in one or more disciplinary approaches to the study of Asia;
- Acquire substantive knowledge of Asia.

- [Major in Asian Studies](#)
- [Minor in Asian Studies](#)
- [Minor in Asian American Studies](#)

### ASN100. East-West Living & Learning Community. 1 Credit.

Participation in a Living & Learning community bringing together domestic students interested in cultures of Asia with students from those countries in a dorm setting where they engage in educational activities.

#### Attributes:

- Liberal Arts

#### Restrictions:

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate

May be repeated for credit

### ASN200. Introduction to Asia. 3 Credits.

A gateway to the Asian Studies major. The introduction exposes students to important concepts, themes and developments in Asia.

#### Attributes:

- Critical Thinking Intermediate
- Information Literacy (GE3)
- Liberal Arts
- GE5: World History Global Aw
- GE4: World Civilizations
- GE3: WRLD

#### Restrictions:

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate

May not be repeated for credit

### ASN293. Asian Studies Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

May be repeated for credit

### ASN295. Independent Study Asian Studie. 1-12 Credits.

May be repeated for credit

### ASN300. Asian Americans. 3 Credits.

This course uses both the stories and histories of the Asian diaspora to consider the ways in which concepts such as race, ethnicity, gender, immigration, politics, social mobility, colonialism and more are both constructed and reflected in the Asian American experience.

#### Attributes:

- Critical Thinking Intermediate
- Diversity
- GE3: DIVR
- GE5: DEISJ
- Information Literacy (GE3)
- Liberal Arts

May not be repeated for credit

**ASN393. Selected Topics. 3-12 Credits.**

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

**Attributes:**

- Liberal Arts

**Restrictions:**

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May be repeated for credit

**ASN399. Asian Studies Modular Course. 1-12 Credits.****Restrictions:**

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May be repeated for credit

**ASN400. Asian Studies Seminar. 1 Credit.**

Capstone for graduating Asian Studies majors. Students will take this course after having completed a Capstone Prerequisite Course (CPC) with a minimum grade of B-.

**Attributes:**

- Critical Thinking Advanced
- Liberal Arts

**Restrictions:**

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Asian Studies (503)

May not be repeated for credit

**ASN495. Independent Study Asian. 1-12 Credits.****Restrictions:**

- Must have the following level: Undergraduate
- Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May be repeated for credit

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