MAJOR IN ASIAN STUDIES

When declaring the major, students submit a brief personal statement of intent.

When applying to graduate, students submit a short exit essay reflecting upon their intellectual development, along with one or more examples of their best written work. Up to 16 transferred credits from study abroad may be applied to the major.

Majors or minors in Asian Studies must receive no less than a C- in any course that is used to satisfy the program requirements.

### Code  Title  Credits

#### Required Courses (16 Credits)

- Select at least two years of language study in either Chinese or Japanese  
- Content Courses on Asia (21 Credits)
  - Select 9-12 credits, by advisement, in the Social Sciences (SOC) and 9-12 credits in the Humanities/Arts (HUM/ART).

Total Credits 37

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1 Each major is required to complete at least two years of language study in either Chinese or Japanese. Students with a high degree of language proficiency in these or other Asian languages may take 16 credits in other Asian Studies courses.

2 Among these 21 credits, students are required to select 3 credits in an area of Asia beyond China or Japan, and ASN200 or select 3 credits in Asian Studies Perspectives courses, which include ARH344, HIS216, JPN320, POL365. A current list of SOC and HUM/ART courses is available [asian_studies_course_grid_rev_12-17-14.pdf](https://www.newpaltz.edu/media/undergraduate--catalog/las/art-courses-is-available-asian_studies_course_grid_rev_12-17-14.pdf). This eight-semester plan (see important details [catalog.newpaltz.edu](http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/additional-information-about-8-semester-plan)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an advising tool – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student's prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their Progress Reports ([https://www3.newpaltz.edu/progressreports](https://www3.newpaltz.edu/progressreports)) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

#### Course  Title  Credits

##### Year 1

**Fall**
- Gen Ed: Composition (COMP) 3
- Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG) 4
- Gen Ed: Western Civilization (WEST) 3
- Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR) 3
- Gen Ed: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD) 3

Credits 16

**Spring**
- Gen Ed: Composition (COMP) 3

##### Year 2

**Fall**
- Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI) 3
- Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM) 3
- Asian Studies language requirement 2 3-4
- Social Sciences major requirement 3 3
- Asian Studies Perspectives requirement 4 3-4

Credits 15-17

**Spring**
- Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI) 3
- Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM) 3
- Asian Studies language requirement 2 3-4
- Asian Studies Arts requirement 5 6

Credits 15-16

##### Year 3

**Fall**
- Social Sciences major requirement 3 3
- Non-China/Japan course 6 3
- Gen Ed: Writing Intensive 3
- Upper-Division Electives 6

Credits 15

**Spring**
- Asian Studies Arts requirement 5 3
- Upper-Division Electives 12

Credits 15

##### Year 4

**Fall**
- Upper-Division Electives 14

Credits 14

**Spring**
- Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR) 3
- Upper-Division Elective 12

Credits 15

Total Credits 121-124

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1 GE: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD) also fulfilling Asian Studies major requirements: ASN200 Introduction to Asia (WRLD), ENG211 Great Bks Asian Classics (WRLD), HIS200 Ancient World (WRLD), HIS216 Modern China (WRLD), MUS253 Pop Culture of China (WRLD), PHI251 Indian Philosophy (WRLD), PHI252 East Asian Philosophy (WRLD), REL270 Religions of the World (WRLD).

Courses that are eligible to fulfill distribution major requirements in Social Sciences (9-12 credits required): ANT370 Cultures of East Asia (WRLD), ANT414 The Anthropology of Performance, ECO493 Economics Selected Topics, GEO260 Understanding China, GEO308 Geography East Asia, HIS200 Ancient World (WRLD), HIS215 China to 1800, HIS216 Modern China (WRLD), HIS335 Modern Japan, HIS337 Ancient India, HIS339 Indian Ocean World, HIS393 History Selected Topic, HIS480 Women in China, POL363 Chinese Foreign Pol and US, POL365 International Politics of the Asia-Pacific, POL369 Governments and Politics of China and Japan, POL393 Pol Sci Selected Topic, SOC381 Immigration & Identity.

Asian Studies Perspectives courses: ASN200 Introduction to Asia (WRLD), HIS216 Modern China (WRLD), JPN320 Asian Americans (DIVR), POL393 Pol Sci Selected Topic.


Non-China/Japan courses: ARH393 Art History Selected Topic, HIS200 Ancient World (WRLD), HIS337 Ancient India, HIS339 Indian Ocean World, PHI251 Indian Philosophy (WRLD).

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