

**ASIAN STUDIES**  
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**The Minor Program in Asian Studies (15 credits)**

Asia is a world economic powerhouse and the influence of Asian culture and politics on world affairs is only likely to increase in the coming years. Students who desire a structured overview of the culture, economics, history, philosophy, politics, religion, or other dimension of the countries in Asia may elect to take the Asian studies minor. Students may take individual courses without committing to the entire program.

The minor requires basic competency in an Asian language and the introductory course ASIA 201 Introduction to Asian Studies.

**Program Objectives:**

1. Combine the structured overview of an introductory course with the depth offered in more specialized or advanced courses.
2. Complement work done in the student's major by offering a focus on Asia that is otherwise unavailable. Students of any major may take the Asian studies minor, but it may be of particular interest to majors in anthropology, art history, studio art, business, communication studies, government, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religious studies, sociology and theater.
3. Provide a program that will formally document a student's concentrated study of Asia.

**Program Requirements:**

1. CHIN 101(or its equivalent) or other Asian language approved by the director. Native speakers of an Asian language may have this requirement waived at the discretion of the director.
2. ASIA 201.
3. CHIN 102 or higher. A 102 level course in another Asian language may be approved by the Director. Students who fulfill this requirement in a language new to them via an independent study must complete the equivalent of two semesters (six credits) even if the independent study is at the 300 or 400 level. Native speakers of an Asian language should meet with the director.
4. Select four program electives (12 credits) from the following approved list. Courses must be from three different disciplines (course prefix).
5. Certain independent study, special topics courses and study abroad courses focusing on Asian topics may count toward the minor as determined by the director.

6. Students must consult the Director on matters of course selection and advising.

**THE CURRICULUM IN ASIAN STUDIES**

**Core**

ASIA 201. Introduction to Asian Studies

**Electives**

The following course descriptions appear in appropriate sections throughout the catalog.

ARAB 201 or higher\*  
 CHIN 201 or higher\*  
 ECON 385 Comparative Economic Systems  
 FNAR 374 Asian Art  
 GEOG 202 Introduction to Geography II  
 HIST 344 Self, Family and Society in Chinese Tradition  
 HIST 360 History of Traditional East Asia  
 HIST 365 History of Islam  
 HIST 367 Modern Chinese History  
 HIST 368 Modern Japanese History  
 HIST 375 History of Modern Middle East  
 HIST 403 Ancient Persia  
 HIST 405 Law and Justice in Chinese History  
 HIST 466 Society and Culture in Chinese History  
 PHIL 344 Yoga: Philosophy and Practice  
 PHIL 348 Asian Philosophy  
 RSTD 211 Religions of the East  
 RSTD 220 The Vision of Hinduism  
 RSTD 260 The Vision of Buddhism  
 RSTD 315 Women in Islam  
 RSTD 330 The Mystic Quest  
 RSTD 366 Bhagavad Gita and Sacred Hindu Texts

\* if not used to fulfill program requirement #3

**ASIA 201. Introduction to Asian Studies (3-3-0) AIGM**

A broad introduction to the cultures, economics, histories, politics, and religions of East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East from ancient times to the modern day. This course is required for students in the Asian studies minor, but is open to all interested students.