

ASIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION - INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR

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The Program

The Asian Studies Concentration within the Interdisciplinary Studies major is designed to offer students an interdisciplinary program of study of various dimensions of the Asian world. Students may plan a course of study that concentrates on a particular aspect of Asian civilization or on a particular sub-region of Asia. One might, for example, focus on the art and philosophy of various Asian peoples, or instead, one might concentrate on Chinese, Indian or Japanese civilization, studying both the traditional and modern society, its physical setting, and its political and economic development. In order to build a sound program of study, which meets both the individual student's needs and the Interdisciplinary Studies requirements, it is essential that students work closely with an adviser in planning the program and selecting courses.

Requirements

Requirements for the Concentration

Students in the Asian Studies Concentration must complete a minimum of 45 units. In addition to ASST 201 (3 units) and 30 units of electives, 12 units of a foreign language are required (students may choose multiple languages; however, the recommendation is to concentrate on one language). The advisory committee may waive the language requirement for native speakers of Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, or Hebrew; however, the student must take 12 additional upper-level courses to meet the 45 total units required. Students may transfer up to 21 units toward the completion of the major.

Departmental Honors

The Asian Studies honors program allows undergraduates to develop their critical thinking and cultural expertise in a rigorous and collaborative environment. The program requires a two-semester sequence of independent study, the culmination of which is the writing of a senior honors thesis -- a significant scholarly research paper prepared under the close supervision of a faculty member affiliated with Asian Studies. Students accepted to the honors program must take IDIS 498 Honors Directed Reading in Interdisciplinary Studies their first semester of the program and IDIS 499 Honors Thesis in Interdisciplinary Studies their second semester. Both courses may count towards the upper-level elective requirement for the concentration. Students who are interested in pursuing departmental honors should consult the Director of Asian Studies and reach out to an affiliated faculty member capable of supervising their honors thesis, upon reaching 75 units, or three semesters before their expected graduation.

Departmental Honors are designated on a graduate's transcript when a student successfully completes IDIS 498 Honors Directed Reading in Interdisciplinary Studies and IDIS 499 Honors Thesis in Interdisciplinary

Studies. Students pursuing departmental honors are not required to be members of the Honors College. Departmental honors are distinct from Latin honors (e.g. cum laude) and from enrollment in the Honors College.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses		
ASST 201	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN STUDIES	3
Foreign Language Requirement		12
ARAB 101 & ARAB 102	ARABIC ELEMENTS I and ARABIC ELEMENTS II	
ARAB 201 & ARAB 202	ARABIC INTERMEDIATE I and ARABIC INTERMEDIATE II	
CHNS 101 & CHNS 102	ELEMENTARY CHINESE I and ELEMENTARY CHINESE II	
CHNS 201 & CHNS 202	INTERMEDIATE CHINESE I and INTERMEDIATE CHINESE II	
HEBR 101 & HEBR 102	ELEMENTS OF HEBREW I and ELEMENTS OF HEBREW II	
HEBR 201 & HEBR 202	HEBREW INTERMEDIATE I and HEBREW INTERMEDIATE II	
JPNS 101 & JPNS 102	JAPANESE ELEMENTS I and JAPANESE ELEMENTS II	
JPNS 201 & JPNS 202	JAPANESE INTERMEDIATE I and JAPANESE INTERMEDIATE II	
Electives		30
Lower-Level Electives, Select minimum 3 and maximum 6 units from the following: ^{1,2}		
ASST 270	SPECIAL TOPICS IN ASIAN STUDIES	
HIST 110	EAST ASIAN CIVILIZATION TO THE 19TH CENTURY	
HIST 111	MODERN EAST ASIA SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY	
HIST 117	ISLAMIC HISTORY: FROM THE RISE OF ISLAM TO THE RISE OF THE OTTOMANS	
HIST 118	MODERN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY	
HIST 210	URBAN ASIA: PAST AND PRESENT	
PHIL 219	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN PHILOSOPHY	
RLST 203	INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM	
RLST 207	INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM	
RLST 208	INTRODUCTION TO HINDUISM	
RLST 209	RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS OF ASIA	
Upper-Level Electives, Select minimum 24 units and maximum 27 units from at least three different disciplines listed below: ²		
Anthropology		
ANTH 307	KOREA AND GLOBALIZATION	
ANTH 309	SOUTH ASIAN POPULAR CULTURE	
ANTH 367	PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
Art History		
ARTH 330	EAST ASIAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE	
ARTH 331	ART OF CHINA	
ARTH 333	ART OF JAPAN	
ARTH 370	SPECIAL TOPICS IN ART HISTORY ³	
Asian Studies		
ASST 470	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ASIAN STUDIES	

ASST 490	DIRECTED READINGS IN ASIAN STUDIES
ASST 492	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ASIAN STUDIES
ASST 494	INTERNSHIP IN ASIAN STUDIES
Foreign Languages (beyond the intermediate level)	
ARAB 301	ARABIC COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION I
ARAB 302	ARABIC COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II
CHNS 301	CHINESE COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION I
CHNS 302	CHINESE COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II
CHNS 306	CHINESE CULTURE IN PRACTICE
CHNS 311	CHINESE CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION
CHNS 312	CHINESE MEDIA AND POP CULTURE
CHNS 331	CHINESE FOR BUSINESS
CHNS 341	CHINESE CINEMA
CHNS 370	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHINESE
CHNS 491	DIR READ CHINESE I
CHNS 492	DIR READ CHINESE II
HEBR 301	HEBREW COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION I
HEBR 302	HEBREW COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II
JPNS 301	JAPANESE COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION I
JPNS 302	JAPANESE COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II
JPNS 311	JAPANESE CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION THROUGH MANGA
JPNS 492	DIRECTED READINGS IN JAPANESE

Geography

GEOG 443	GEOGRAPHY OF EAST ASIA
GEOG 444	GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTH ASIA
GEOG 445	GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
GEOG 447	GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
GEOG 463	THE SILK ROAD: THE GEOGRAPHIES OF CENTRAL EURASIA

History

HIST 315	IMPERIAL CHINA: THE LAST DYNASTY
HIST 316	REVOLUTIONARY CHINA
HIST 319	JAPAN, 1830-1930
HIST 320	JAPAN, 1930-PRESENT
HIST 325	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN IMPERIAL CHINA
HIST 338	THE MIDDLE EAST: AN URBAN PERSPECTIVE
HIST 339	THE MAKING OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST
HIST 340	ISRAEL/PALESTINE: CONFLICTING PAST, CONFLICTING PRESENT
HIST 354	CONFLICT AND COOPERATION IN COLD WAR EAST ASIA
HIST 355	HISTORY OF JAPANESE CINEMA

HIST 356	JAPAN IN THE NUCLEAR AGE: HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, FUKUSHIMA
HIST 377	ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY
HIST 440	THE SAMURAI

Interdisciplinary Studies

IDIS 498	HONORS DIRECTED READING IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ³
IDIS 499	HONORS THESIS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ³

Philosophy-Religious Studies

PHIL 301	PHILOSOPHIES OF INDIA
PHIL 302	PHILOSOPHIES OF CHINA & JAPAN
PHIL 380	PHILOSOPHICAL TOPICS ³
PHIL 470	PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS ³
RLST 307	BUDDHISM IN TIBET
RLST 308	BUDDHIST SAINTS AND THEIR STORIES
RLST 313	ISLAMIC ETHICS
RLST 335	PROPHETS AND PROPHECY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL
RLST 363	SUFISM: ISLAMIC MYSTICISM
RLST 367	ISLAM IN THE MODERN AGE

Political Science

POSC 345	GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS OF EAST ASIA: FOCUS ON CHINA AND JAPAN
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Total Units **45**

¹ Minimum 3 units of lower-level electives must be taken in a discipline other than Asian Studies (ASST).

² Courses relevant to Asia not listed may be accepted with the approval of the program director.

³ Topics related to Asia/Asian Studies accepted.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

First Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
FORL I (Core 5)		3 ASST Discipline 1	3
Core 1 (or Core 2)		3 FORL II (Core 12)	3
Core 4		3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Elective		3 Core 3	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
	15		15

Second Year

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
ASST Discipline 2		3 ASST Discipline 3	3
FORL III		3 FORL IV	3
Core 6		3 Core 7	4
Core 9		3 Core 11	3

Elective	3 Core 13	3
	15	16

Third Year

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
ASST Discipline 1-4	3 ASST Discipline 1-4	3
ASST Discipline 4	3 ASST Discipline 1-4	3
Core 8	4 Core 10	3
Core 14	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
ASST Discipline 1-4	3 ASST Discipline 1-4	3
ASST Discipline 1-4	3 ASST Discipline 1-4	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
	15	13

Total Units 120

Learning Outcomes

1. Students possess the ability to integrate knowledge and modes of thinking across two or more disciplines.
2. Students communicate effectively in the presentation of interdisciplinary materials through various modes of transmission.
3. Students conduct, analyze and apply research from two or more disciplines or through interdisciplinary research.