

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	51 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's GPA Requirement policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203).

Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a B or above in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student.

Assessments and Examinations The preliminary exam must be taken within 1 semester after completing doctoral coursework. Comprehensive written preliminary exams will be based on reading lists developed with the committee. These exams have four parts: general competence in major field; secondary field; theory and method; and specialized area of dissertation focus. The preliminary examination will be evaluated by a committee of at least three members (the co-advisors and an additional faculty member).

Successful completion of the exam process will also require research language competence as demonstrated through examinations in one or more languages as determined by the advisors.

A dissertation proposal must be approved within 1 year after completing prelim exams. An oral defense of the proposal will be evaluated by the committee.

Language Requirements Additional language coursework beyond the M.A. requirements is not required in general, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by the advisors.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement A doctoral minor or Graduate/Professional certificate is not a requirement, but a student, in consultation with their advisors, may choose to complete either.

REQUIRED COURSES

- At least 15 credits in Asia-related graduate courses in the department or elsewhere on campus
- At most 6 credits of other courses as approved by the advisors
- Additional language coursework beyond the M.A. requirements is not required in general, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by the advisors. Language study at the third year level and beyond can count toward the total degree credits to a maximum of 6 credits past the M.A.

Students may take courses and seminars drawn from offerings in other departments or within Asian Languages and Cultures, as decided in collaboration between student and the co-advisors, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN 300	Topics in Asian Studies	3
ASIAN 301	Social Studies Topics in East Asian Studies	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 306	Hinduism	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 307	A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4
ASIAN 311	Modern Indian Literatures	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 319	The Vietnam Wars	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY 335	The Koreans: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4

ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4	ASIAN 533	Readings in Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4	ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 571	Readings in Classical Chinese Literature	1-3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN/ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3	ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3	ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4	ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3	ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4	ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN/RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3	ASIAN 671	Literary Studies in Chinese Drama	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3	ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3	ASIAN 698	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN/ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3	ASIAN 699	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3	ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages	2-3
ASIAN/ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3	ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3	ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3	ASIAN 713	Teaching of Japanese as a Foreign Language	3
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3	ASIAN 741	Studies in Chinese Syntax and Morphology	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3	ASIAN 761	Studies in Chinese Historical Texts	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 438	Buddhism and Society in Southeast Asian History	3-4	ASIAN 762	Studies in Chinese Philosophical Texts	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 444	Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)	3	ASIAN 763	Studies in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4	ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4	ASIAN 799	Reading for Research	1-3
ASIAN/HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4	ASIAN 815	Seminar: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3	ASIAN 833	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3	ASIAN/HISTORY 857	Seminar-History of India (South Asia)	1-3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3	ASIAN 873	Seminar in Languages and Literatures of Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3	ASIAN 932	Seminar in Chinese Linguistics	2-3
ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3	ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3	ASIAN 971	Seminar in Chinese Thought	3
			ASIAN 990	Thesis Research	3
			ASIAN 999	Independent Research	1-3

Program Pathway ¹

Students may choose to focus their studies in a thematic track, such as; Asian Religions, Asian Medical and Health Humanities, and Asian Rights, Violence, and Law. Initially working with two co-advisors, each student

will craft a program of coursework that combines Asia-focused courses with disciplinary study in and beyond the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. This may include linkages with other departments as well as UW-Madison's rich array of centers and programs, including the Center for Healthy Minds (<https://centerhealthyminds.org/>), Center for Visual Cultures (<https://cvc.wisc.edu/>), Human Rights Program (http://law.wisc.edu/gls/human_rights.html), Religious Studies Program (<https://religiousstudies.wisc.edu/>), and the Center for East Asian Studies (<https://eastasia.wisc.edu/>), the Center for South Asia (<http://southasia.wisc.edu/>), and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (<http://seasia.wisc.edu/>).

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These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

Asian Medical and Health Humanities Pathway

The M.A. and Ph.D. in Asian Languages and Cultures welcomes students interested to do interdisciplinary research that employs theories and methods in medicine and health humanities to probe questions in Asian societies and histories about healthcare, patienthood, embodiment, and psychology. Students may work in a transasian perspective and will be encouraged to work across multiple disciplines, including anthropology, history of science, literature, cognitive science and religious studies. Drawing on the resources in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and across the UW-Madison campus, students may examine such things as the imperial, cultural, and structural-economic matrixes that impact human flourishing and suffering in Asian societies; the spread of biomedicine in Asia and Cold War politics; the appropriation of traditional modalities and contemplative practices such as mindfulness and yoga into contemporary medical contexts; links between western biomedicine and the politics of nation building under and after colonialism in Asia; and the entwined histories of religion, politics, and medicine in premodern Asian societies.

Core Faculty: Buhnemann (<https://alc.wisc.edu/staff/gudrun-buhnemann/>), Cerulli (<https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/anthony-cerulli/>), Dunne (<https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/john-d-dunne/>)

Asian Religions Pathway

The M.A. and Ph.D. in Asian Languages and Cultures welcomes students interested to do interdisciplinary research on the numerous religious traditions of East Asia, the Himalayan region, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Students may focus on one or more traditions, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Zoroastrianism. Study of such traditions, whether in their past or present forms, using a combination of approaches, such as philology, history, ethnography and philosophy, is generally conducted with faculty members in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures as well as affiliates in other units on campus, including Religious Studies, Art History, History, Comparative Literature, the Center for Healthy Minds, and UW-Madison's area studies centers.

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Asian Rights, Violence and Law Pathway

How are rights, law and justice understood and experienced comparatively in and beyond Asia? How are rights violated and promoted by states and citizens? How does violence – regional, state, communal – and its memory reshape societies and nations? What are the manifestations of the rule of law and its opposites? What representations and metaphors for justice are found in art, film, and literature? The M.A. and Ph.D. program in Transasian

Studies particularly welcomes students who would like to answer these and other questions comparatively, either across multiple countries, and/or drawing on more than one disciplinary approach, including history, literature, law, political science, art, and anthropology.

Core Faculty: Haberkorn (<https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/tyrell-haberkorn/>) **Affiliate Faculty:** McCoy (https://history.wisc.edu/faculty_am.htm)