Asian Languages and Cultures, Doctoral Minor

The Doctoral Minor in Asian Languages and Cultures is intended for students outside of the department to gain familiarity with the discipline in literature or linguistics generally while also honing an area of specialization.

Admissions

- Meet with a faculty member in the Asian Languages & Cultures program to discuss requirements and course options.
- Request a minor agreement form from the Graduate Program Coordinator (rweiss@wisc.edu).
- Submit the Ph.D. Minor in Asian Languages & Cultures form and obtain the approval and signature of major professor. After you have completed the preliminary Ph.D. examinations, the ALC program advisor or ALC Director of Graduate Studies will sign the warrant indicating completion of the minor.

Requirements

Students in other departments who wish to minor in Asian languages and cultures must complete 12 credits above the 300 level with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the department. Such students are required to take one course in literature and one course in religion or philosophy. Any other courses to fulfill the minor requirement are selected in prior consultation with the student’s faculty advisor, who is designated as such by the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and is authorized to sign the doctoral minor agreement form.

Courses cross-listed in a student’s major department and in Asian Languages and Cultures do not count toward the minor requirement. Elementary and intermediate language courses or “directed study” courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of the minor requirement in Asian Languages and Cultures.

People

Faculty

Asian Languages and Cultures is home to nearly twenty faculty whose research and teaching specialties cover a wide range of topics, including traditional medicine in India; the Hindu roots of yoga; diversifying contemporary mindfulness practice with insights from Tibetan Buddhism; human rights in Thailand; Chinese ghost stories; traditional poetics and philology; sociolinguistics and discourse analysis of the Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Indonesian languages; analysis of classical Japanese tale fiction, early modern comedic narratives, manga, anime; and Japanese counterculture. Visit our faculty pages (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/) for more information on areas of expertise, current research, teaching, and publications.

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