ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, PHD

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers a new interdisciplinary MA and PhD program in Asian Languages and Cultures. Students may take advantage of the many opportunities within the department and on campus to do in-depth research on Asia from multiple disciplinary perspectives and across the traditional area studies divisions of East, South, and Southeast Asia. We welcome applications from students who are interested in working transregionally, transdisciplinarily, or both. This includes students with a traditional background in Asian Studies and related academic fields as well as those whose path to studying Asia has been through professional work.

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures has developed a lively intellectual community around Transasian Studies and is supporting student-led seminars, reading groups, workshops, and other events. Prospective graduate students are encouraged to reach out to faculty members who share their academic and research interests.

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 history of yoga; 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, Indonesian languages; analysis of classical Japanese tale fiction, early modern comedic narratives, manga, and anime; Japanese counterculture; and Korean cinema and media.

Asian Studies at UW–Madison has strong ties across departments, to research centers, area studies programs, extensive library connections, and alumni relations.

ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. ***Applicants must meet* the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) *of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).*** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 10
Spring Deadline	This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not Required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Prior to submitting application and materials, applicants should carefully review the faculty's expertise (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/) to determine the fit between their interest and the program. To this extent, prospective applicants may contact a specific faculty to discuss their research interest prior to submitting applications.

Applicants should also review the Graduate School's admission process (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/) and Graduate School's minimum requirements (http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/).

Applicants must upload an academic writing sample or MA thesis to their application. You may submit a seminar paper, thesis chapter, or journal article. This paper should be in English, and may either be published or unpublished.

For more information on application materials, refer to the application and admissions information (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/application-and-admissions-information/) page.

DEADLINES

In order to be considered for fellowships, project assistantships, and teaching assistantships, all application materials must be in **by the fall deadline**.

If you do not need any funding support, you may submit applications **by April 15.**

FUNDING

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

GRADUATE STUDENT COSTS

For tuition and living costs, please view the Cost of Attendance page (https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/)**.** International applicants recommended for admission to the Graduate School are required to show sufficient funds to attend the University during the course of studies (tuition, food and housing, incidentals and health insurance) to be officially accepted by the Graduate School.

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers financial assistance in the forms of fellowships, teaching assistantships (TAships), and project assistantships (PAships). **Please make note of the deadline of January 10 for financial assistance consideration**. All necessary materials including test scores must be submitted by the deadline.

If you are an international applicant and receive a fellowship, PAship or TAship, please make note that you will likely be required to show additional financial documentation to meet the minimum required for your official acceptance to the Graduate School.

OTHER AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- **Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships:** FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW's National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.htm) and are contingent on federal funding.

  Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training.

  Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are **two separate competitions** requiring **two separate and complete applications.**

  Complete details about FLAS at UW-Madison are available on the FLAS FAQs (https://flas.wisc.edu/FAQS.htm) (your first stop) and the FLAS Languages & Coordinators pages (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.htm) (should you have additional questions).

- **Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF):** This fellowship is awarded to highly qualified underrepresented students. To be considered for AOF funding, prospective students must be new to the Graduate School and be admissible to a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For further information: https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/.
- **Project Assistantships.** Availability of PAship varies from one year to another, depending on the types of projects the departmental faculty are engaged in. PAs assist faculty members' research projects and/or respond to some programmatic needs of the department and other campus units.
- **Teaching Assistantships.** Availability and types of TAship vary from one year to another, depending on the department's curricular needs and student enrollment. TAs will support a number of our language and culture courses, typically team-teaching with faculty members. If you are interested in being a teaching assistant in our language programs, you must submit the TA application and necessary materials (1-2 page written autobiography that refers to your prior teaching experience, letter of recommendation that speaks to your teaching experience, video recording of your teaching, if available) through the Graduate School application system **by January 10**.
- **Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) Awards Office:** IRIS manages its own funding opportunities (Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowships, IRIS Graduate Fieldwork Awards, Incubator Grants), coordinates the campus component of a number of external programs (Boren Fellowships, Fulbright US Student Program, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, Luce Scholars Program), assists students,

faculty, and staff in exploring funding options, and much more. Visit: https://iris.wisc.edu/funding/ for more information on awards. Contact Mark Lilleleht, Assistant Director for Awards, with questions at awards@iris.wisc.edu & 608-265-6070.
- **Other Forms of Financial Aid:** Loans and some on-campus job openings are handled through the Office of Student Financial Aid (https://financialaid.wisc.edu/). Please contact them to obtain more information.
- Students may also obtain information from the **Grants Information Center** in the Memorial Library, Room 262, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706. Phone 608-262-3242.

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. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	Students must earn a B or above in all coursework (numbered 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 MA 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

Code	Title	Credits
Asia and Related Graduate Coursework		**36**
In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 36 credits in Asia-related graduate courses in the department or elsewhere in campus.		
Additional Coursework		**15**
In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 15 credits of additional coursework to meet the 51-credit minimum requirement.		
Language Coursework		
Students may complete coursework in language study at the third-year level and beyond. A maximum of 6 credits may fulfill the minimum credit requirement. Language coursework is not required, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by advisors.		
Total Credits		**51**

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 Koreas: 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/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 444	Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4

ASIAN/ HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3
ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN 533	Readings in Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 571	Readings in Classical Chinese Literature	1-3
ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	3
ASIAN 698	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN 699	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages	2-3
ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese	3
ASIAN 713	Teaching of Japanese as a Foreign Language	3
ASIAN 741	Studies in Chinese Syntax and Morphology	3
ASIAN 761	Studies in Chinese Historical Texts	3
ASIAN 762	Studies in Chinese Philosophical Texts	3
ASIAN 763	Studies in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN 799	Reading for Research	1-3
ASIAN 815	Seminar: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Asia	3
ASIAN 833	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 857	Seminar-History of India (South Asia)	1-3
ASIAN 873	Seminar in Languages and Literatures of Asia	3
ASIAN 932	Seminar in Chinese Linguistics	2-3
ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 990	Thesis Research	3
ASIAN 999	Independent Research	1-3

Program Pathway

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/).

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES
PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions. Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison

With program approval, no more than 7 credits of graduate coursework completed while a UW–Madison undergraduate may transfer to satisfy degree requirements. Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/) policy.

Credits Earned as a University Special student at UW–Madison

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework taken as a UW–Madison Special student.

Coursework earned ten years or more prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

PROBATION

Refer to the Graduate School: Probation (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/) policy.

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Starting fall 2018, all students are required to be supervised by co-advisors. One of the co-advisors must be a member of the Asian Languages and Cultures program, but the other co-advisor can be identified from related fields outside of the department at UW-Madison.

At the point of beginning work on the dissertation, a single dissertation advisor (most likely one of the co-advisors) may be chosen, or the co-advising arrangement may continue for the dissertation as well.

Dissertation committees must have at least four members representing more than one graduate program, three of whom must be UW–Madison graduate faculty or former UW–Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement. At least one of the four members must be from outside of the student's major program or major field (often from the minor field).

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

TIME LIMITS

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/) policy.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
    - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/)
- Employee Assistance (http://www.eao.wisc.edu/) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (https://compliance.wisc.edu/) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (https://osas.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances. They may also contact the L&S Academic Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

OTHER

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Throughout the academic year, professional development trainings, workshops, and graduate student-organized activities take place. The Director of Graduate Studies is eager to hear from students about what interests they have for such events.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) coordinates, develops, and promotes learning opportunities to foster the academic, professional, and life skills of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers and scholars.

Professional development topics include Individual Development Plans (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/idp/), communication, mentoring, grant writing, dissertation writing, career exploration, job search strategies, and more. OPD collaborates with the Writing Center, Libraries, DoIT Software Training for Students, Delta, career centers, and others to provide a wealth of resources and events tailored to the needs of UW–Madison graduate students.

The office developed and maintains DiscoverPD (https://my.grad.wisc.edu/DiscoverPD/), an innovative tool for UW–Madison graduate students to advance their academic and professional goals. DiscoverPD introduces nine areas (or "facets") of professional development, includes a self-assessment, and provides a customized report of areas of strength and weakness. The report comes with recommendations to help graduate students strengthen their ability within each area.

More information on campus resources for student professional development is available at Graduate Student Professional Development (http://grad.wisc.edu/pd/). Students may keep up-to-date by reading GradConnections (https://grad.wisc.edu/new-students/), the weekly newsletter for graduate students, and bookmarking the Events Calendar (https://grad.wisc.edu/events/) to keep tabs on upcoming workshops of interest.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate a thorough and in-depth understanding of research problems, potentials, and limits with respect to theory, knowledge, or practice in the selected area of the student's focus.
2. Formulate ideas, concepts, designs, and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within the specialized field(s).
3. Create scholarship and advance knowledge that makes a substantive contribution to the field(s).
4. Articulate and communicate complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner to both specialized and general audiences.
5. Recognize, apply, and foster ethical and professional conduct.

PEOPLE

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Please visit the Asian Languages & Cultures website (https://alc.wisc.edu/people/) for a complete list of faculty, instructional, and academic staff.