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
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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 are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

**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

**Requirements Detail**

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<td>Minimum Credit Requirement</td>
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<td>Minimum Residence Credit Requirement</td>
<td>32 credits</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>All 51 credits must be in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide.</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
<td>3.00 GPA required.</td>
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<td>Other Grade Requirements</td>
<td>Students must earn a B or above in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student.</td>
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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.

Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements

A doctoral minor is not a requirement, but a student, in consultation with their advisors, may choose to complete a minor.

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:

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<td>A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism</td>
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<td>The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century</td>
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<td>Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919</td>
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<td>ASIAN/E A STDS/HISTORY 341</td>
<td>History of Modern China, 1800-1949</td>
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<td>ASIAN/E A STDS/HISTORY 342</td>
<td>History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present</td>
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<td>ASIAN 351</td>
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ASIAN 353 Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature 3
ASIAN 361 Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji 3
ASIAN 371 Topics in Chinese Literature 3
ASIAN 376 Manga 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 431 Chinese Linguistics I 3
ASIAN 434 Introduction to Japanese Linguistics 3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 438 Buddhism and Society in Southeast Asia 3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 444 Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism) 3
ASIAN/E A STD'S/ HISTORY 454 Samurai: History and Image 3-4
ASIAN/E A STD'S/ 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 571 Readings in Classical Chinese Literature 1-3
ASIAN 573 Readings in Classical Japanese Literature 3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 620 Proseminar: Studies in Religions of Asia 3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621 Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces 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 3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650 Proseminar in Buddhist Thought 2-3
ASIAN 671 Literary Studies in Chinese Drama 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 802 Seminar: Topics in Religions of Asia 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 971 Seminar in Chinese Thought 3
ASIAN 990 Thesis Research 3
ASIAN 999 Independent Research 1-3

Program Tracks

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 (http://religiousstudies.lss.wisc.edu/), and the Center for South Asia (https://southasia.wisc.edu/), and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (http://seasia.wisc.edu/).

Asian Medical and Health Humanities Track

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 matrices that impact human flourishing and suffering in Asian societies; the spread of biomedicine in Asia and Cold War politics; the appropriation of
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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/about/faculty/gudrun-b%25c3%25bchnemann/), Cerulli (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/anthony-cerulli/), Dunne (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty/john-d-dunne/)

Asian Religions Track
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 Track
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)