**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

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**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 GPA Requirement:** 3.00 GPA required.
- **Graduate GPA Requirement:** 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.

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:

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Program Pathway

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...
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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://centerhealthy.minds.org/), Center for Visual Cultures (https://cvc.wisc.edu/), Human Rights Program (http://law.wisc.edu/gls/human_rights.html), Religious Studies Program (https://religioousstudies.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/).

1 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 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 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)