

# ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, BA

The 21st century has been called the “Asian Century”: indeed, many of the world’s most pressing issues cannot be understood without a grasp of the histories, cultures, and languages of Asia. Asia is home to over half of the world’s population. China, Japan, and India are three of the world’s top economies. For decades Asian countries have been leaders in global manufacturing, and Asian universities are renowned centers for literary studies and scientific innovation. Fifty percent of the declared nuclear-weapon states are also in the region. Simply put, Asia matters a great deal.

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers a wide variety of courses on East, South, and Southeast Asia taught by faculty who are specialists in their regions and disciplines. Whether you are taking your first step toward learning about Asia or you bring some background experience, an Asian Languages and Cultures major will expand your ability to think and work across cultural and linguistic boundaries. Students may opt to study Asia in a transnational and transhistorical perspective or in a more focused course of study by choosing one of our named options in East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

To take advantage of the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures’ many relationships with other departments and program units across campus, students may choose to double major or enhance their studies in Asian Languages and Cultures with one of the certificates offered at the university, such as the Certificate in Global Health, the Certificate in Health and the Humanities, or those offered by the area studies centers.

This major is interdisciplinary and offers a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the Asian Languages and Cultures undergraduate advisor is especially important.

## EAST ASIA

The East Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of China, Japan, Korea and Tibet. Students in the East Asian option can study Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Tibetan language and linguistics; and explore Chinese ghost stories and classical Chinese literature or poetry; Korean cinema and pop culture; classical Japanese fiction; early modern comedic narratives, manga, anime, and counterculture.

## SOUTH ASIA

The South Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. Students in the South Asian option can study Hindi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tibetan, or Urdu language; the roots of Yoga; methods of Buddhist philosophy and meditation; South Asian religion and politics in the past and present of the Indian subcontinent; and medical history in South Asia.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Southeast Asian Studies named option offers a multidisciplinary range of courses that explore the diverse and vibrant cultures, arts, histories, political systems, and literatures of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and

Vietnam. Students in the Southeast Asian option can study Burmese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai, and Vietnamese language; Human rights in Thailand; literature of the region; and history and politics in Southeast Asia.

## HOW TO GET IN

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Requirements	Details
How to get in	No application required. All students who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to declare. For information on how to declare, visit Advising & Careers.
Courses required to get in	None
GPA requirements to get in	None
Credits required to get in	None
Other	None

The Asian Languages and Cultures major has three named options. Students who intend to declare a named option may not be declared in a certificate program focused on the same region. Students may not combine the following programs:

- East Asian Studies named option and the Certificate in East Asian Studies
- South Asian Studies named option and the Certificate in South Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies named option and the Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies

## PLACEMENT EXAM

The Asian Languages and Cultures department offers placement exams for students with prior language study or experience as a speaker of Chinese, Filipino, Hindi, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Thai, Tibetan, Urdu, and Vietnamese. For more information, see the department’s website (<https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

### UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
	• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
	• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
	• Communication Part A & Part B *
	• Ethnic Studies *
	• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

\* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

## COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR</li><li>• Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.</li></ul>
L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and</li><li>• 12 credits of Social Science; and</li><li>• 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.</li></ul>
Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW-Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30 credits in residence, overall; and</li><li>• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.</li></ul>

Quality of Work	• 2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison
	• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison

## NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Students must take 32 credits as follows: <sup>1</sup>

### GATEWAY COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Required course:		
ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4

### REQUIRED LANGUAGE COURSES

Complete Third and Fourth Semester language courses:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>East Asian languages</b>		
ASIALANG 201 & ASIALANG 202	Third Semester Chinese and Fourth Semester Chinese	8
ASIALANG 203 & ASIALANG 204	Third Semester Japanese and Fourth Semester Japanese	8
ASIALANG 205 & ASIALANG 206	Third Semester Korean and Fourth Semester Korean	8
<b>South Asian languages</b>		
ASIALANG 233 & ASIALANG 234	Third Semester Hindi and Fourth Semester Hindi	8
ASIALANG 237 & ASIALANG 238	Third Semester Persian and Fourth Semester Persian	8
ASIALANG 235 & ASIALANG 236	Third Semester Modern Tibetan and Fourth Semester Modern Tibetan	8
ASIALANG 239 & ASIALANG 240	Third Semester Urdu and Fourth Semester Urdu	8
ASIALANG 241 & ASIALANG 242	Third Semester Sanskrit and Fourth Semester Sanskrit	8
<b>Southeast Asian languages</b>		
ASIALANG 229 & ASIALANG 230	Third Semester Thai and Fourth Semester Thai	8
ASIALANG 223 & ASIALANG 224	Third Semester Filipino and Fourth Semester Filipino	8
ASIALANG 225 & ASIALANG 226	Third Semester Hmong and Fourth Semester Hmong	8
ASIALANG 227 & ASIALANG 228	Third Semester Indonesian and Fourth Semester Indonesian	8
ASIALANG 231 & ASIALANG 232	Third Semester Vietnamese and Fourth Semester Vietnamese	8

## EAST ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following options (at least 6 credits):		
ASIAN/ HISTORY 103	Introduction to East Asian History: China	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 104	Introduction to East Asian History: Japan	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 108	Introduction to East Asian History - Korea	3-4
ASIAN 253	Japanese Popular Culture	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4
ASIAN 301	Social Science Topics in Asian Studies	3
ASIAN/SOC 334	Gender, Work, and Family in East Asia	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/SOC 336	Social Change in Contemporary South Korea	3
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 357	Japanese Ghost Stories	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 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	2-3
ASIAN 372	Topics in Chinese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 373	Topics in Japanese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIAN 374	Korean Cinema	3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	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 435	Teaching of Japanese	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

ANTHRO 357	Introduction to the Anthropology of Japan	3-4
ART HIST 307	From Tomb to Temple: Ancient Chinese Art and Religion in Transition	3
ART HIST 308	The Tastes of Scholars and Emperors: Chinese Art in the Later Periods	3
ART HIST 475	Japanese Ceramics and Allied Arts	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 478	Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan	3
ED POL 245	Education in East Asia	3
HISTORY 145	America and China, 1776-Today	3-4
HISTORY/ INTL ST 332	East Asia & The U.S. Since 1899	3-4
HISTORY/ ASIAN 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
HISTORY 336	Chinese Economic and Business History: From Silk to iPhones	3-4
HISTORY 340	Cultural History of Korea	3-4
LITTRANS 231	Manga	3
LITTRANS 232	Anime	3
LITTRANS 261	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 263	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 264	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 373	Topics in Japanese Literature	3
POLI SCI 324	Chinese Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 328	Politics of East and Southeast Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 346	China in World Politics	3-4

## SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following options (at least 6 credits):		
ASIAN/ ART HIST 179	Passage Through India: South Asia's Global Architectural Histories	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
ASIAN/ LITTRANS 212	Classical South Asian Literatures	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 218	Health and Healing in South Asia	3-4
ASIAN 252	Contemporary Indian Society	3
ASIAN 268	Tibetan Cultures and Traditions	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 274	Religion in South Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 303	Jainism: Religion and Culture of Nonviolence	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/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 405	Gods and Goddesses of South Asia	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3
ASIAN/ COM ARTS 443	Indian Cinema in the U.S. and Beyond	3
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
ART HIST 305	History of Islamic Art and Architecture	3
ART HIST/ RELIG ST 373	Mecca, Cairo, Istanbul, Delhi: Great Cities of Islam	3
ENGL/ASIAN 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ENGL/ THEATRE 577	Postcolonial Theatre: Drama, Theory and Performance in the Global South	3
HISTORY 142	History of South Asia to the Present	3-4
HISTORY/GNS 265	An Introduction to Central Asia: From the Silk Route to Afghanistan	3
HISTORY 450	Making of Modern South Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 370	Islam and Politics	3-4

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following options (at least 6 credits):		
ASIAN/GEOG/ HISTORY/POLI SCI/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines	4
ASIAN/ASIAN AM/ HISTORY 246	Southeast Asian Refugees of the "Cold" War	4
ASIAN/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4
ASIAN AM 170	Hmong American Experiences in the United States	3

ASIAN AM 441	Hmong American Social Movements in the 20th and 21st Centuries	3
GEOG 358	Human Geography of Southeast Asia	3
GEOG/ ENVIR ST 557	Development and Environment in Southeast Asia	3
HISTORY/ASIAN 319	The Vietnam Wars	3-4
HISTORY/ ASIAN 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4
POLI SCI 323	Islam and World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 328	Politics of East and Southeast Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 370	Islam and Politics	3-4

## CAPSTONE COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course (at least 3 credits):		
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis (must be enrolled in Honors in the Major)	3
ASIAN 692	Senior Thesis (must have permission from faculty)	3
ASIAN 699	Directed Study (must have permission from faculty)	3

## NAMED OPTIONS

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- **ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: EAST ASIAN STUDIES** ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-EAST-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/asian-languages-cultures-ba/asian-languages-cultures-east-asian-studies-ba/))
- **ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES** ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-SOUTH-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/asian-languages-cultures-ba/asian-languages-cultures-south-asian-studies-ba/))
- **ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES** ([HTTPS://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-SOUTHEAST-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-languages-cultures/asian-languages-cultures-ba/asian-languages-cultures-southeast-asian-studies-ba/))

## RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all ASIAN, ASIALANG, and approved courses for the major
- 2.000 GPA in 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence<sup>2</sup>
- 15 credits in the major, taken in residence

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Asian Languages & Cultures undergraduate advisor.

### HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 for all courses accepted in the major
- Complete the following coursework, with a grade of B or better:
  - ASIAN 699 or any course from the list below when taken for at least 3 credits. This course must be taken before ASIAN 681.

Code	Title	Credits
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 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 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 633	Chinese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	3

- A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in ASIAN 681 and ASIAN 682, for a total of 6 credits.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Students who test above 4th semester language must still complete a minimum of 32 credits in the major. These students may complete another language sequence or other coursework as approved by the advisor.

<sup>2</sup> Intermediate and Advanced level major courses are upper-level.

## UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Total Degree** To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

**Residency** Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

**Quality of Work** Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Broad regional grounding: Understand the variation within and similarities across Asia with reference to historical and contemporary

cultural connections (people, societies, languages, literatures, religions, and cultural genres).

2. Multidisciplinary: Become familiar and proficient with multiple perspectives scholars use to study Asia and use them as resources in their own self-reflective thinking.
3. Depth of knowledge: Employ relevant theoretical and methodological approaches to arrive at informed understandings of key issues involving the environment, human rights, cultural practices, structures of power, etc. based on an understanding of the social and cultural ties within Asia as well as between Asia and the rest of the globe.
4. Analytical skills: Critically examine taken-for-granted notions and stereotypes and to inquire into the process of their construction. They will also be able to read, analyze and explain the significance of Asian texts and artifacts (literary, cultural, historical, and popular culture).
5. Language and cultural competence: Manage basic everyday communication needs in at least one Asian language; understand the relationship between language and culture; and understand how to study a new language and culture and how to advance their proficiency as life-long learners.

## FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

#### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Communication A	4 Quantitative Reasoning A	4
Foreign Language Course	4 Biological Science Breadth	4
ASIAN 100 (Required Introductory Course)	4 Ethnic Studies	3
ASIAN/COUN PSY/ED PSYCH/PSYCH 120	3 Foreign Language Course	4
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Quantitative Reasoning B	4 Science Breadth	4
Physical Science Breadth	3 Communication B	3
Language Course	4 Language Course	4
South Asian Studies Course	3 Southeast Asian Studies Course	3
INTER-LS 210	1 INTL ST 275	1
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Literature Breadth	3 Literature Breadth	3
Science Breadth	3 South Asian Studies Course	3
Social Science Breadth	4 Southeast Asian Studies Course	3
East Asian Studies Course	3 Directed Study (optional, may be required for Honors in the Major)	3
Electives	3 INTER-LS 215	3
	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
East Asian Studies Course	3 Asian Studies Capstone Course	3
Electives	6 ASIAN 682 or 692 (Optional)	3
Advanced Language Course (Optional)	3 Electives	8
ASIAN 681 or 691 (Optional)	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Total Credits 120**

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

### ADVISING AND CAREERS DECLARE OR CANCEL THIS PROGRAM

Please follow the process described on the Asian Languages and Cultures website (<https://alc.wisc.edu/advising/>).

#### ADVISING

If you like to plan, seeing your advisor is very important; it can make the difference between fitting in general education and major requirements before you graduate. Many students also try to complete more than one major or certificate, and discussing how you might be able to reach this goal is another primary role of your major advisor. Advisors can speak to you about course content, which courses fit best with your interest areas, and what kinds of courses might work best with your learning style. Any and all of these discussions can occur during your advising appointment.

The advisor is happy to meet with students as they explore the degree options, prepare for study abroad, or advance through their four-year plans. Schedule an appointment in Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=connection/10715/schedule>).

#### SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience,



and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students

## WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

### WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students in the Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) department academic programs are encouraged to become engaged in undergraduate research. There are numerous programs (<https://teachlearn.provost.wisc.edu/initiatives-and-programs/undergraduate-research/>) that provide research opportunities for undergraduates at UW–Madison, including:

- Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowships (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/all-scholarships/hilldale-undergraduatefaculty-research-fellowship/>)
- McNair Scholars (<http://grad.wisc.edu/mcnair/>)
- Summer Research Programs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/srop/>)
- Undergraduate Research Scholars (<https://urs.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- The Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship Program (<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wisconsin-idea-fellowships/>)

### WISCONSIN SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTES

Each summer around 200 undergraduate students, graduate students, professionals, and others come to UW–Madison to study a language at the Wisconsin Intensive Summer Language Institutes (WISLI) (<https://wisli.wisc.edu/>). WISLI is host to five summer language institutes which offer high-quality courses in 30 less commonly taught languages:

Arabic, Persian, and Turkish Language Immersion Institute (APTLII)  
Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute (CESSI) (<https://cessi.wisc.edu/>)  
South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) (<https://sasli.wisc.edu/>)  
Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) (<https://seassi.wisc.edu/>)

### STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNSHIPS

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is ranked #2 for semester-long study abroad participation among all US institutions, and #16 among all US universities and colleges for total students studying abroad, according to the 2018 Open Doors Report (<https://www.iie.org/en/Why-IIE/Announcements/2018/11/2018-11-13-Number-of-International-Students-Reaches-New-High/>). There are nearly 60 study abroad opportunities across Asia. Approved UW–Madison programs will allow students to receive resident credit while abroad. With pre-planning, students may also fulfill major requirements on academic programs

abroad, however, careful planning and discussion with your advisor are key. For more information about programs, application process, and fees, visit: International Academic Programs (<https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>).

Students may also gain career and professional experience through various internship opportunities abroad. To review opportunities, application process, and fees, visit: International Internship Programs (<http://internships.international.wisc.edu/>).

## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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#### CAMPUS RESOURCES

##### Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships (<https://flas.wisc.edu/>)

FLAS fellowships are funded by the US Department of Education and administered by UW–Madison’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/>) and are contingent on federal funding. Please direct any questions to the FLAS Coordinator (<https://flas.wisc.edu/languages/>) of your chosen language.

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.

##### Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (<https://wisc.academicworks.com/>)

This is the primary campus-wide portal for applicants, current students, and everyone looking for scholarship opportunities on campus.

##### Undergraduate Academic Awards Office (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/>)

We help UW–Madison undergraduates and recent graduates pursue nationally competitive scholarships (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/nationally-competitive/>) and campus-wide awards (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/scholarships/campus-wide/>) for research, service, and leadership–activities at the heart of the Wisconsin Experience. We can help you:

- Find scholarship opportunities that match your goals and interests
- Navigate the scholarship application process
- Review scholarship essays
- Prepare for national scholarship interviews

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### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Boren Scholarships (<http://borenawards.org/>)

Campus Representative: Undergraduates with questions should contact Matt Geisler ([mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu)), Associate Director of International Academic Programs

These scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. (Full list of preferred countries (<https://borenawards.org/eligible-programs/#countries>)) Additionally, all programs must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language. (Full list of preferred languages (<https://borenawards.org/eligible-programs/#languages>)). Undergraduates with questions about the Boren Scholarship should contact Matt Geisler ([mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu](mailto:mdgeisler@studyabroad.wisc.edu)), Associate Director of International Academic Programs.

### **Critical Language Scholarship Program (<http://www.clscholarship.org/>)**

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The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is part of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is a fully-funded overseas intensive language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.

The fourteen CLS languages are: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

The CLS Program seeks participants with diverse interests, from a wide variety of fields of study, backgrounds, and career paths, with the purpose of representing the full diversity of the United States. Thus, students from all academic disciplines, including business, engineering, law, medicine, science, social sciences, arts and humanities, are encouraged to apply.

### **Gilman Scholarship Program (<https://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program/>)**

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The Gilman Scholarship Program is an undergraduate grant program for U.S. citizens of limited financial means to enable them to study abroad, thereby internationalizing their outlook and better preparing them to assume significant roles in the increasingly global economy.