

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, BA

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

Seeing your advisor is very important for choosing courses that fit your interests and graduating on schedule. 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>).

EXPLORING CLASSES BEFORE DECLARING

Students interested in the Asian Languages and Culture major can start exploring through any of these courses, or focus on courses that introduce one of the major's three named options. **The courses in these lists are open to first-year/freshmen students and have no prerequisites.**

Students may declare the Asian Languages and Cultures major at any time. Those students who have studied an Asian language prior to coming to UW-Madison will have to take a placement test (<https://alc.wisc.edu/languages/placement-tests/>) for a language offered during the academic year to determine the best class to enroll in on campus.

INTERESTED IN THE EAST ASIAN STUDIES NAMED OPTION (P.) FOR THIS MAJOR? TRY THESE COURSES:

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4
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 205	Animal Ethics in Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
ASIAN 253	Japanese Popular Culture	3
ASIAN 254	Korean Popular Culture	3

ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4
ASIAN 268	Tibetan Cultures and Traditions	3
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

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ASIALANG 101	First Semester Chinese	4
ASIALANG 103	First Semester Japanese	4
ASIALANG 105	First Semester Korean	4

INTERESTED IN THE SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES NAMED OPTION (P.) FOR THIS MAJOR? TRY THESE COURSES:

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4
ASIAN/ART HIST 179	Passage Through India: South Asia's Global Architectural Histories	3
ASIAN 205	Animal Ethics in Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
ASIAN/LITTRANS 212	Classical South Asian Literatures	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 218	History of Medicine in South Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
ASIAN 252	Contemporary Indian Society	3
ASIAN 268	Tibetan Cultures and Traditions	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 274	Religion in South Asia	3

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ASIALANG 133	First Semester Hindi	4
ASIALANG 135	First Semester Modern Tibetan	4
ASIALANG 137	First Semester Persian	4

INTERESTED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES NAMED OPTION (P.) FOR THIS MAJOR? TRY THESE COURSES:

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ASIAN 100	Gateway to Asia: Special Topics	3-4
ASIAN 205	Animal Ethics in Asia	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 236	Asia Enchanted: Ghosts, Gods, and Monsters	3
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
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ASIALANG 125	First Semester Hmong	4
ASIALANG 127	First Semester Indonesian	4
ASIALANG 129	First Semester Thai	4
ASIALANG 131	First Semester Vietnamese	4

STUDY ABROAD

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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)
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- 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

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