

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, BA

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 (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 * |
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* 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.
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Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.
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| L&S Breadth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course. |
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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"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:¹

GATEWAY COURSE

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

REQUIRED LANGUAGE COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete Third and Fourth Semester language courses:		
East Asian languages		
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
South Asian languages		
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	ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3
ASIALANG 239 & ASIALANG 240	Third Semester Urdu and Fourth Semester Urdu	8	ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4
ASIALANG 241 & ASIALANG 242	Third Semester Sanskrit and Fourth Semester Sanskrit	8	ASIAN 367	Haiku	3
Southeast Asian languages			ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	2-3
ASIALANG 243 & ASIALANG 244	and	8	ASIAN 372	Topics in Chinese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIALANG 229 & ASIALANG 230	Third Semester Thai and Fourth Semester Thai	8	ASIAN 373	Topics in Japanese: Study Abroad	1-6
ASIALANG 223 & ASIALANG 224	Third Semester Filipino and Fourth Semester Filipino	8	ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3
ASIALANG 225 & ASIALANG 226	Third Semester Hmong and Fourth Semester Hmong	8	ASIAN 376	Manga	3
ASIALANG 227 & ASIALANG 228	Third Semester Indonesian and Fourth Semester Indonesian	8	ASIAN 378	Anime	3
ASIALANG 245 & ASIALANG 246	and	8	ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIALANG 231 & ASIALANG 232	Third Semester Vietnamese and Fourth Semester Vietnamese	8	ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
			ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	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 203	Survey of Asian Art	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

EAST ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits	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	ART HIST 475	Japanese Ceramics and Allied Arts	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 104	Introduction to East Asian History: Japan	3-4	ART HIST/ RELIG ST 478	Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 108	Introduction to East Asian History - Korea	3-4	ED POL 245	Education in East Asia	3
ASIAN 253	Japanese Popular Culture	3	HISTORY 145	America and China, 1776-Today	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4	HISTORY/ INTL ST 332	East Asia & The U.S. Since 1899	3-4
ASIAN 301	Social Science Topics in Asian Studies	1-3	HISTORY/ ASIAN 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4	HISTORY 336	Chinese Economic and Business History: From Silk to iPhones	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4	HISTORY 340	Cultural History of Korea	3-4
ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4	LITTRANS 231	Manga	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4	LITTRANS 232	Anime	3
ASIAN 350		3-4	LITTRANS 261	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation	3
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3	LITTRANS 262		
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3	LITTRANS 263	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3	LITTRANS 264	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3	LITTRANS 368		
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3	LITTRANS 373	Topics in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 357	Japanese Ghost Stories	3	LITTRANS 374		
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	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
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SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete two courses from the following options (at least 6 credits):		
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 206	The Qur'an: Religious Scripture & Literature	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 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 444		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	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 267		3-4
HISTORY 450	Making of Modern South Asia	3-4

POLI SCI/ INTL ST 327	Indian Politics in Comparative Perspective	3
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
DANCE/FOLKLORE/ THEATRE 321	Javanese Performance	2
DANCE/FOLKLORE/ THEATRE 421	Javanese Performance Repertory	2
ENVIR ST/HIST SCI/ RELIG ST 356	Islam, Science & Technology, and the Environment	3-4
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 457		3-4
HISTORY/ ASIAN 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4
POLI SCI 322		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** ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-EAST-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](http://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** ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-SOUTH-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](http://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** ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-BA/ASIAN-LANGUAGES-CULTURES-SOUTHEAST-ASIAN-STUDIES-BA/](http://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 residence²
- 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 571		
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

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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.