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 ALC major will expand your ability to think and work across cultural and linguistic boundaries. Majors who opt the ALC major study Asia in a robustly transnational and transhistorical perspective, working with faculty across the department. Alternatively, majors may choose to take a more focused course of study by choosing one of our named options in East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, thereby electing to work more closely with the professors who specialize in these specific regions.

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. ALC faculty and instructors offering courses in this option include: C. D’Etchecerey, A. Detryler, N. Geyer, R. Huntington, A. Kern, H. Kim, B. Lim, J. Mori, T. Nakakubo, B. Nienhauser, S. Ridgely, H. Zhang, W. Zhu.

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, or Urdu language; and probe 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. ALC faculty and instructors offering courses in this option include: E. Barnard, T. Haberkorn, C. Lee, J. Surasin, S. Suryani, H. Dinh, S. Zamar.

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 ALC with one of the certificates offered at the university, such as the global health certificate, the certificate in health and the humanities, or those offered by the area studies centers: Center for East Asian Studies (https://eastasia.wisc.edu); Center for South Asia (https://southasia.wisc.edu); and Center for Southeast Asian Studies (https://seasia.wisc.edu).

This major is interdisciplinary and offers a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the ALC advisor is especially important.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN OPTION**

30 credits to include the Introductory and Residence and Quality of Work requirements of the general major, plus these requirements specific to the Southeast Asian Option:

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**MAJOR BREADTH**

**Southeast Asian Studies Humanities**

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ASIAN/ART HIST 379  Cities of Asia  3
ASIAN 403  Southeast Asian Literature  3
ASIAN/RELIG ST 444  Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)  3
ART HIST 203  Survey of Asian Art  3-4
COM ARTS 310  Topics in Rhetoric and Communication Science (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
COM ARTS 470  Contemporary Political Discourse (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  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

Southeast Asian Studies Social Science

Complete three courses from:

- 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/HISTORY/RELIG ST 438  Buddhism and Society in Southeast Asian History  3-4
- ASIAN/HISTORY 458  History of Southeast Asia Since 1800  3-4
- A A E/ECON 473  Economic Growth and Development in Southeast Asia  3
- ANTHRO 310  Topics in Archaeology (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- ANTHRO 330  Topics in Ethnology (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3-4
- ANTHRO 350  Political Anthropology  3-4
- GEOG 340  World Regions in Global Context  3
- GEOG 358  Human Geography of Southeast Asia  3
- GEOG 475  Topics in Geography (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  1-4
- POP HLTH 640  Foundations in Global Health Practice (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  1
- POP HLTH 644  Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Health and Disease (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  1
- POP HLTH 645  Global Health Field Course (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  1-6

HISTORY 200  Historical Studies (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3-4
POLI SCI 323  Islam and World Politics  3-4
POLI SCI 328  Politics of East and Southeast Asia  3-4

SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES CAPSTONE

Complete one course:

- ASIAN 600  Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- ASIAN/RELIG ST 620  Proseminar: Studies in Religions of Asia (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- ASIAN/ART HIST 621  Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces  3
- ASIAN 630  Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- ASIAN/RELIG ST 650  Proseminar in Buddhist Thought  2-3
- ASIAN 681  Senior Honors Thesis (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- ASIAN 682  Senior Honors Thesis  3
- ASIAN 691  Senior Thesis  3
- ASIAN 692  Senior Thesis  3
- ASIAN 698  Directed Study  2-3
- ASIAN 699  Directed Study  2-3
- ASIALANG 421  Seventh Semester Asian Language (Southeast Asian Studies language)  3-4
- ASIALANG 422  Eighth Semester Asian Language (Southeast Asian Studies language)  3-4
- COM ARTS 610  Special Topics in Rhetoric and Public Address (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- GEOG/ENVIR ST 557  Development and Environment in Southeast Asia  3
- HISTORY 500  Reading Seminar in History (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3
- HISTORY 600  Advanced Seminar in History (Southeast Asian Studies topic)  3

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

See Four Year Plan for the Asian Languages and Cultures Major; your course choices for the Southeast Asian Studies Named Option will focus on that region.