

ASIAN STUDIES, B.A.

Admissions to the Asian Studies B.A. have been suspended as of fall 2018 and will be discontinued as of fall 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the department (info@iris.wisc.edu).

Asian Studies is divided into two concentrations:

- East Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies

CONCENTRATION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Asian studies major with an East Asian studies concentration encompasses China, Japan, and Korea—Pacific Rim nations characterized by rich cultural heritages, critical geopolitical positions and rapidly expanding economies. East Asia plays a central role in world politics and the global economy, and the importance of this region will increase in the 21st century.

This concentration is for undergraduates who are interested in a wide range of careers (business, public service, law, teaching, research, etc.) and who seek a focused yet multidisciplinary education with solid grounding in East Asian language and civilization. Students interested in the major should begin language study as early as possible.

CONCENTRATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Asian studies major with a Southeast Asian concentration is an undergraduate major in the College of Letters & Science, providing a comprehensive foundation in Southeast Asian language and area studies. It includes Burma (Myanmar), Brunei, Cambodia (Kampuchea), East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Students are required to take a minimum of four semesters of a Southeast Asian language, and complete a minimum of thirty credits of Southeast Asian area studies coursework. The area studies courses must be taken in at least two academic disciplines, including courses in Southeast Asian humanities and social sciences. Students may opt to prepare a 6-credit senior thesis.

HOW TO GET IN

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DECLARING THE MAJOR

The major should be declared no later than the beginning of the junior year. (All L&S students must declare a major by the time they have earned 86 degree credits.) Students with no previous language training or proficiency should consider beginning language study during their sophomore year, since language course sequences begin only once per year during the fall semester. Students interested in Southeast Asia are encouraged to consult with the undergraduate advisor

(mmcullin@wisc.edu) at any time from the freshman year onward to discuss the program.

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 BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

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. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (<https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf>)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

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| Foreign Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR • Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language |
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Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature Social Sciences, 12 credits Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	108 credits
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	60 intermediate or advanced credits
Major	Declare and complete at least one (1) major
Total Credits	120 credits
UW-Madison Experience	30 credits in residence, overall
Minimum GPAs	30 credits in residence after the 86th credit
	2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
	2.000 in intermediate/advanced 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 and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:*

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The Asian studies major requires that students concentrate in one of two options: **East Asian Studies** or **Southeast Asian Studies**. Students **must declare** one (and only one) of these concentrations. Both concentrations require **30 credits**. As part of the 30 credits, students must complete at least two courses and **8 credits** in a single SUBJECT, excluding language courses.

CONCENTRATION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Fourth Unit of Language—choose one:		
ASIALANG 201 & ASIALANG 202	Third Semester Chinese and Fourth Semester Chinese	8-12
ASIALANG 203 & ASIALANG 204	Third Semester Japanese and Fourth Semester Japanese	
ASIALANG 205 & ASIALANG 206	Third Semester Korean and Fourth Semester Korean	
ASIALANG 235 & ASIALANG 236	Third Semester Modern Tibetan and Fourth Semester Modern Tibetan	

Humanities: 8 credits		8
ART HIST 203	Survey of Asian Art	
ART HIST 307	From Tomb to Temple: Ancient Chinese Art and Religion in Transition	
ART HIST 371	Chinese Painting	
ART HIST 372	Arts of Japan	
ART HIST 411	Topics in Asian Art	
ART HIST 475	Japanese Ceramics and Allied Arts	
ART HIST/RELIG ST 478	Art and Religious Practice in Medieval Japan	
ART HIST 575	Proseminar in Japanese Art	
ART HIST 576	Proseminar in Chinese Art	
E A STDS/ASIAN/HISTORY/POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	
E A STDS 691	Senior Thesis	
E A STDS 692	Senior Thesis	
ASIAN 277	Kendo: Integration of Martial Arts and Liberal Arts	
ASIAN/HISTORY/RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	
ASIAN/RELIG ST 350	Introduction to Taoism	
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	
ASIAN/E A STDS/HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	
ASIAN 378	Anime	
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	
ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	
ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	
ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	
ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature	
ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	
E A STDS 270	Humanities Topics in East Asian Studies	
HISTORY/ASIAN/E A STDS 103	Introduction to East Asian History: China	
HISTORY/ASIAN/E A STDS 104	Introduction to East Asian History: Japan	
HISTORY 225	Explorations in Third World History (H) (China, Japan, Korea)	
HISTORY/ASIAN 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	

HISTORY 336	Chinese Economic and Business History: From Silk to iPhones
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 454	Samurai: History and Image
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia
HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History
INTL ST 310	International Learning Community Seminar (China, East Asia, Japan, Korea, Tibet)
LITTRANS 261	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation
LITTRANS 262	Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation
LITTRANS 263	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation
LITTRANS 264	Survey of Japanese Literature in Translation
LITTRANS 368	Modern Japanese Fiction
LITTRANS 372	Classical Japanese Prose in Translation
LITTRANS 373	Topics in Japanese Literature
LITTRANS 374	Topics in Korean Literature
THEATRE 351	Fundamentals of Asian Stage Discipline
THEATRE 526	The Theatres of China and Japan
Social Science: 8 credits	
A A E 319	The International Agricultural Economy
A A E/ECON 474	Economic Problems of Developing Areas
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology (East Asia, Southeast Asia)
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology
ANTHRO 357	Introduction to the Anthropology of Japan
E A STDS/ ASIAN 301	Social Studies Topics in East Asian Studies
ECON/A A E 474	Economic Problems of Developing Areas
E P D 332	Basic Technical Japanese II
E P D 374	Intermediate Technical Japanese I
E P D 375	Intermediate Technical Japanese II
GEOG 101	Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 358	Human Geography of Southeast Asia
GEOG/ ENVIR ST 557	Development and Environment in Southeast Asia
HISTORY 457	History of Southeast Asia to 1800

HISTORY/ ASIAN 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800
JOURN 621	Mass Communication in Developing Nations
POLI SCI 201	Special Topics in Political Science (East Asia, Southeast Asia)
POLI SCI/ASIAN/ E A STDS/ HISTORY 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations
POLI SCI 346	China in World Politics
POLI SCI 654	Politics of Revolution
SOC/ C&E SOC 222	Food, Culture, and Society

¹ Courses counted toward humanities may not also count toward social science, and vice versa. However, humanities and social science courses *may* count toward the concentration requirement if taken in a single SUBJECT.

² Students can also fulfill the East Asian language requirement with the following courses: **Chinese**—ASIALANG 301 Fifth Semester Chinese, ASIALANG 302 Sixth Semester Chinese, ASIALANG 311 First Semester Classical Chinese, ASIALANG 312 Second Semester Classical Chinese, ASIALANG 378 Chinese Conversation, ASIALANG 401 Seventh Semester Chinese, ASIALANG 402 Eighth Semester Chinese, ASIALANG 379 Business Chinese, ASIAN 631 History of the Chinese Language; **Japanese**—ASIALANG 303 Fifth Semester Japanese, ASIALANG 304 Sixth Semester Japanese, ASIALANG 323 Fifth Semester Filipino, E P D 332 Basic Technical Japanese II, ASIALANG 376 Japanese Conversation, ASIALANG 403 Seventh Semester Japanese, ASIALANG 404 Eighth Semester Japanese, E P D 601 Japanese for Business and Industry.

CONCENTRATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Fourth Unit of a Southeast Asian Language -Choose One:		6
ASIALANG 401	Seventh Semester Chinese	
ASIALANG 403	Seventh Semester Japanese	
ASIALANG 221 & ASIALANG 222	Third Semester Asian Language and Fourth Semester Asian Language	
ASIALANG 223 & ASIALANG 224	Third Semester Filipino and Fourth Semester Filipino	
ASIALANG 243 & ASIALANG 244	Third Semester Burmese and Fourth Semester Burmese	
ASIALANG 225 & ASIALANG 226	Third Semester Hmong and Fourth Semester Hmong	
ASIALANG 227 & ASIALANG 228	Third Semester Indonesian and Fourth Semester Indonesian	8
ASIALANG 229 & ASIALANG 230	Third Semester Thai and Fourth Semester Thai	
ASIALANG 245 & ASIALANG 246	Third Semester Khmer and Fourth Semester Khmer	
ASIALANG 231 & ASIALANG 232	Third Semester Vietnamese and Fourth Semester Vietnamese	
Humanities: 8 Credits		8
ASIAN AM/ HISTORY 160	Asian American History: Movement and Dislocation	

ASIAN AM/ HISTORY 161	Asian American History: Settlement and National Belonging
COM ARTS 470	Contemporary Political Discourse
DANCE/ FOLKLORE/ THEATRE 421	Javanese Performance Repertory
HISTORY/ ASIAN AM 160	Asian American History: Movement and Dislocation
HISTORY/ ASIAN AM 161	Asian American History: Settlement and National Belonging
HISTORY/ASIAN/ GEOG/POLI SCI/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines
HISTORY/ASIAN/ ASIAN AM 246	Southeast Asian Refugees of the "Cold" War
HISTORY/ ASIAN 319	The Vietnam Wars
HISTORY/ASIAN/ RELIG ST 438	Buddhism and Society in Southeast Asian History
HISTORY 457	History of Southeast Asia to 1800
HISTORY/ ASIAN 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Southeast Asia)
ASIAN/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 438	Buddhism and Society in Southeast Asian History
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 444	Introduction to Sufism (Islamic Mysticism)
ASIAN/ HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800
HISTORY 457	History of Southeast Asia to 1800
ASIALANG 343	Fifth Semester Burmese
ASIALANG 344	Sixth Semester Burmese
ASIALANG 323	Fifth Semester Filipino
ASIALANG 324	Sixth Semester Filipino
ASIALANG 325	Fifth Semester Hmong
ASIALANG 326	Sixth Semester Hmong
ASIALANG 348	Fifth Semester Indonesian
ASIALANG 328	Sixth Semester Indonesian
ASIALANG 345	Fifth Semester Khmer
ASIALANG 346	Sixth Semester Khmer
ASIALANG 331	Fifth Semester Vietnamese
ASIALANG 332	Sixth Semester Vietnamese
RELIG ST/ AFRICAN/ ASIAN 370	Islam: Religion and Culture
RELIG ST/ ASIAN 620	Proseminar: Studies in Religions of Asia

Social Science: 8 Credits**8**

A A E 375	Special Topics (Southeast Asia)
A A E/ECON 473	Economic Growth and Development in Southeast Asia
ANTHRO 310	Topics in Archaeology (Archaeology of East and Southeast Asia)
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (Peoples & Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia; Art in Island Southeast Asia)
ASIAN AM/ ASIAN/ HISTORY 246	Southeast Asian Refugees of the "Cold" War
COM ARTS 610	Special Topics in Rhetoric and Public Address
ECON/A A E 473	Economic Growth and Development in Southeast Asia
GEOG/ASIAN/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines
GEOG 358	Human Geography of Southeast Asia
GEOG/ ENVIR ST 557	Development and Environment in Southeast Asia
GEOG 675	Special Topics in Geography
INTL ST/ A A E 373	Globalization, Poverty and Development
POLI SCI 322	Politics of Southeast Asia
SOC/ASIAN/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines

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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

2.000 GPA in all E A STDS and major courses

2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence ²

15 credits in E A STDS, E ASIAN and/or courses counting toward the major, taken on the UW–Madison campus

² Courses in the major numbered 300 through 699 are considered upper level.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Asian Studies Major in consultation with the Asian Studies undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn a B.A. or B.S. with Honors in the Major in Asian Studies students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 overall university GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA in all E A STDS courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete 3 credits E A STDS at the intermediate or advanced level with a grade of B or better
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in E A STDS 681 Senior Honors Thesis and E A STDS 682 Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits

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.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students interested in Southeast Asia are encouraged to consult with the undergraduate advisor (mmcullin@wisc.edu) at any time from the freshman year onward to discuss the program.

CAREER INFORMATION

Students are encouraged to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science. L&S graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important to us that our students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well

as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and **apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.**

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/>)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>)
- Learn how we're transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (<http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/>)

PEOPLE

CONCENTRATION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

CHINA CORE FACULTY:

Professors Curtin, Dong, Eichenseher, Friedman, Irish, Manion, Murray, Nienhauser, Pan

Associate Professors Huntington, Huang, Merli, Sheehan, Zhang, Zhou

Assistant Professor Meulenbeld, Yang

JAPAN CORE FACULTY:

Professors Davis, McGloin, Mori, Ohnuki-Tierney, Phillips, Young

Associate Professors D'Etcheverry, Furumoto, Geyer, Kern, Leheny, Mori, Raymo, Thal

Assistant Professor Ridgeley

KOREA CORE FACULTY:

Professor Sutton; Assistant Professors Kim, Ohnesorge

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR:

Michael Cullinane

CONCENTRATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

Professors Bowie, Cowell, Coxhead, Gade, Gunther, Hansen (director), Macken, A. McCoy, Olds, Rafferty, Sidel, Winichakul, Zhou

Associate Professor Nobles

Assistant Professors Baird, Choy, Ho, Kim

Faculty Associates Barnard, Cullinane, M McCoy

Librarian Ashmun

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR:

Michael Cullinane