
ASIAN STUDIES

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About the Program

The Asian Studies Program provides courses on Asian cultures, civilizations, and societies, in a broad range that includes East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, as electives for all students. The underlying assumption of all aspects of the Asian Studies Program is that the vast region labeled “Asia” is complex and diverse and that varied Asian peoples and institutions have greatly influenced, and continue to influence, human experience throughout the world. Faculty members with Asian language and area expertise are members of many different departments, and the Asian Studies Program brings together courses from multiple departments and programs for interdisciplinary engagement. In the subsidiary program of Asian Languages and Cultures (see below), students may major or minor in Chinese or Japanese. The program also offers the university’s unique Pacific Rim Study Abroad Program (see below).

The Asian Studies Program offers an Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian Studies. Students in the minor who demonstrate academic excellence and complete a one-semester senior thesis will achieve the added designation of Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar.

Students who graduate with the Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian Studies will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the cultural traditions and contemporary societies of Asia, and understand those cultures and societies within the Asian and world contexts;
2. Analyze, understand, and discuss coherently difficult texts about those Asian cultures and societies;
3. Formulate abstract ideas and write logically and clearly in English about those Asian cultures;
4. Make informed judgments about a world of many cultures and about their own society as viewed by others.

Subsidiary Programs

Asian Languages and Cultures Program

The Asian Languages and Cultures Program offers majors and minors grounded in a strong foundation of language and draws on the broad range of culture courses offered by the Asian Studies faculty. The program offers two majors and two minors, as well as Chinese and Japanese literature courses that fulfill requirements toward the Asian Studies Minor, and language courses that meet the university’s foreign language requirement. For information on major requirements, see the Asian Languages and Cultures section of this bulletin.

PacRim Program

The Pacific Rim Study Abroad Program (PacRim) is scheduled every three years, and offers a full academic year of courses taught at dif-

ferent locations in Asia. Students participate in the program through a process of formal application. Participants prepare in advance of the scheduled study-travel year by passing specified prerequisite courses in the Asian Studies Program.

Additional Opportunities

In addition to Asian Languages and Cultures and PacRim, the Asian Studies Program offers special opportunities for all students, including Charles Garnet Trimble Scholarships for continuing upper division students seeking the Asian Studies Minor or majoring in Japanese or Chinese, and Trimble scholarship grants for study abroad in Asia. Furthermore, the program provides a context for the Miki Fellowship for a post-graduate year in Japan and offers a postgraduate English-instructorship at Hwa Nan Women’s College in Fuzhou, China. For students seeking to become Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholars (described below), Trimble summer research grants prior to the senior thesis are also available.

University Requirements

Asian studies courses are represented in the First-Year Seminar program (see list of courses, below), although these do not count toward the Asian Studies Minor. Several courses in the Asian Studies program are options in the core curriculum (in Artistic and Humanistic Approaches, as well as Connections), and Chinese and Japanese language courses meet the university’s foreign-language requirement. In general, any student may take any course offered in the program without related prior study (although some upper level courses have prerequisites, as indicated in departmental listings).

Requirements for the Minor

To qualify for the Asian Studies Minor, a student must meet the requirements specified below. While students self-select their participation in the Asian Studies Program through declaration of the Minor with the Academic Advising office, each student seeking the Minor should coordinate her or his program with the Director of the Asian Studies Program and is encouraged to select a primary or secondary advisor from among the faculty members in the program.

Minor in Asian Studies

The Asian Studies minor consists of five units, of which four are elective courses. Of the four electives two must be from the Humanities and two from the Social Sciences. One of the four elective courses must also be a core course chosen from a designated list. Detailed requirements are:

1. A total of four elective Asian Studies courses, two of which must be in the Social Sciences, and two in the Humanities.
2. Among these four electives, one must be a core course chosen from those listed below:
 - a. ALC 205 Great Books of China and Japan (Humanities)
 - b. ARTH 278 Survey of Asian Art (Humanities)
 - c. PG 323 Asian Political Systems (Social Science)
 - d. IPE 333 Political Economy of Southeast Asia (Social Science)
3. Asia 344.
4. No more than two electives can be used to fulfill the requirements of a major or another minor.
5. At least two of the four elective courses must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.
6. Good academic standing upon entering the program, overall GPA in the program of 2.5 or above, and grades of C- or better in all pro-

gram courses (no Pass/Fail).

7. Upon approval of the Asian Studies Program Director, students may complete up to two of the required units of study for the minor when enrolled in a study abroad program in Asia.

Students pursuing the Asian Studies minor are encouraged, but not required, to participate in experiences such as internships, international work and study, or field research in Asia.

Variation of requirements is possible, as arranged with the Asian Studies Committee by way of the Director of the program. Courses applicable to the Asian Studies minor have no time limit.

Humanities Elective Courses in Asian Studies:

- ALC 205 Great Books of China and Japan (core course)
- ALC 215 Stories of the Strange: From Fox Spirits to the Monkey King in Chinese Literature
- ALC 225 Visualized Fiction: Cinematic Adaptations of Traditional Chinese Literature
- ALC 310 Death and Desire in Premodern Japanese Literature
- ALC 320 Self and Society in Modern Japanese Literature
- ALC 325 Chinese Cinema: Ideology and the Box Office
- ALC 330 Writing the Margins in Contemporary Japanese Literature
- ALC 345 Revenge and Retribution in Chinese Literature
- ARTH 278 Survey of Asian Art (core course)
- ARTH 367 Chinese Art
- ARTH 368 Japanese Art
- ARTH 369 Twentieth-Century Chinese Art
- ARTH 370 Buddhist Art
- ARTH 371 East Asian Calligraphy
- ENGL 356 Bollywood Film
- ENGL 361 South Asian Fiction
- HIST 245 Chinese Civilization
- HIST 248 History of Japan: 1600 to Present
- HIST 343 Law, Society, and Justice in China
- HIST 344 Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution in China, 1800 to the Present
- HIST 349 Women of East Asia
- HUM 330 Tao and Landscape Art
- MUS 321 Music of South Asia
- PHIL 311 Classical Chinese Philosophy
- REL 208 Yoga and the Ascetic Imperative
- REL 231 Korean Religions and Culture
- REL 233 Japanese Religious Traditions
- REL 234 Chinese Religious Traditions
- REL 300 Japanimals: Power, Knowledge, and Spirituality at the Intersection of Species
- REL 328 Religion, the State, and Nationalism in Japan
- REL 332 Buddhism
- REL 333 Asian Women and Religion
- REL 334 Vedic Religion and Brahmanism
- REL 335 Classical Hinduism
- REL 336 Tantra and Alchemy

Social Science Elective Courses in Asian Studies:

- BUS 471 Business in Asia
- BUS 474 Business in India and South Asia
- CONN 395 China and Latin America: A New Era of Transpacific Relations
- IPE 323 Tourism and the Global Order (cross-listed as SOAN 323)
- IPE 333 Political Economy of Southeast Asia (core course)
- IPE 388 Exploring the Chinese Economy
- PG 323 Asian Political Systems (core course)

- PG 372 Japanese Political Economy
- PG 378 Chinese Political Economy
- SOAN 222 Culture and Society of Southeast Asia
- SOAN 225 Asian Medical Systems
- SOAN 304 Gender and Sexuality in Japan
- SOAN 335 Third World Perspectives
- SOAN 380 Muslim Cultures and Communities
- SOAN 416 Modern India and Diaspora

Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar

To qualify as a Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. All requirements, as listed above, for the Asian Studies minor;
2. One-semester senior thesis: ASIA 489, or approved research seminar course in a department participating in the program (Art, Business and Leadership, Sociology and Anthropology, Economics, English, History, International Political Economy, Politics and Government, or Religious Studies);
3. Overall GPA in Asian Studies courses of 3.5 or above, grades of C- or better in all program courses (no Pass/Fail), and a grade of B- or above in ASIA 489 (or equivalent).

Pacific Rim Study Abroad Program Prerequisites

PacRim students must enroll and participate in ASIA 401, a Fall semester 0.25 orientation course, and ASIA 402, a full-unit preparation course taken by all PacRim students in the Spring semester before the travel year. PacRim students must also ensure that they have taken one additional prerequisite course beyond ASIA 401 and 402. This additional prerequisite course can be an Asian foreign language course (not including Arabic), or any course that counts towards the Asian Studies Minor (including ALC courses).

By completing all requirements for the PacRim Program, PacRim students will have fulfilled most requirements for the Asian Studies Minor or the Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar distinction.

Course Offerings

Unless otherwise specified, each course carries 1 unit of credit and is offered at least once each academic year. Please see "Frequency of Course Offerings" on page 18.

Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry See *Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course descriptions (page 18)*. *Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry do not count toward the Asian Studies Minor or the Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar distinction.*

- SSI1 129 Mao's China: A Country in Revolution**
- SSI1 130 Transgressive Desires in Chinese Fiction**
- SSI1 145 Anime Bodies: Metamorphoses and Identity**
- SSI2 157 Chinese Painting in the West**

Other courses offered by Asian Studies faculty. See *Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course descriptions (page 34)*.

ASIA 344 Asia in Motion

Satisfies the Connections core requirement. Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement.

HUM 330 Tao and Landscape Art

Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

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344 Asia in Motion See *Connections in the Core Curriculum section*

of this Bulletin for course description.

399 Southeast Asia in Cultural, Economic, and Political Context

An overview of diversity and change in Southeast Asia, with a focus on, and field component in, Indonesia and Thailand. Students will examine the origins and development of complex state societies from an in-depth, ethnographic perspective. Students will explore issues of religious syncretism, gender, agriculture, the cultural impact of European colonialism, and the post-colonial period of nation building in Southeast Asia. Students will also delve into geographically focused case studies, which look at the cultural component of many important issues facing the region, including environmental decline and deforestation, the impact of globalization, the problems of ethnic and religious minorities, and other socio-cultural issues. The second half of the course will examine economic and political processes shaping the region. Specific topics include the economic legacies of colonialism, contemporary patterns of economic growth, patterns of change in rural communities, the process of urbanization and challenges faced by residents of Southeast Asian cities, the role of the state in managing development, democratization and human rights in Southeast Asia, and demographic patterns. The international portion of the course lasts approximately two weeks, and features an immersive stay at local universities in Indonesia and Thailand. The field component is required, and includes guest lectures by local scholars, trips to cultural and historic sites, ethnographic projects, and potential trips to neighbouring areas. Students will be responsible for their own airfare, as well as other potential program fees. *Prerequisite: SOAN 200 or IPE 201, application and instructor permission. Cannot be taken Credit/No Credit.*

401 PacRim Orientation .25 unit This course provides preparation and pre-trip orientation for students selected to participate in the PacRim Program. This course is the first part of a two-course sequence required for PacRim students: in the Spring semester of the year prior to studying and traveling in Asia, PacRim students will also enroll in ASIA 402, a full unit course aimed at providing a shared academic foundation for course-work on PacRim. Asia 401 will begin to prepare students to participate in PacRim by ensuring that sufficient time and attention are devoted to important logistical, academic, and inter-personal issues. *Prerequisite: acceptance into PacRim program. Offered every three years.*

402 Innocents Abroad: A PacRim Preparation Course The purpose of this course is to prepare students for the year of study and travel in Asia. The focus of this course is primarily on academic preparation for the study-travel year in Asia, but will also include some practical matters. Because PacRim welcomes and encourages students from a variety of majors and with varying backgrounds on Asia, this course serves to ensure that all students on the trip have a shared foundation for course-work on PacRim, most especially preparing students for ASIA 495, the Independent Experiential Learning Project. This course is required for all students participating in the PacRim Program and serves as one of the two Asian Studies prerequisite courses required of PacRim students. *Prerequisite: Acceptance into the PacRim program. Cannot be audited. Offered occasionally.*

489 Senior Thesis This course consists of independent research and the preparation of a significant paper of original scholarship. Each student seeking the Minor in Asian Studies as Robert Trimble Distinguished Asia Scholar must initiate a topic, identify a supervising instructor in the Asian Studies Program, and develop a plan for research, writing, and public presentation of the project. Alternatively, a student may meet the one-semester thesis requirement for the Distinguished Asia Scholar distinction in Asian Studies by an approved research seminar in a department participating in the Asian Studies Program. *May be repeated for*

credit. Cannot be taken Credit/No Credit.

491 PacRim Independent Field Research Students trace a topic in multiple PacRim countries in order to develop a comparative, capstone project. Course deepens intercultural comprehension and deploys ethnographic methods of data-collection and observation. *Prerequisite: Acceptance into the PacRim program. Cannot be audited.*

495 Independent Study Variable credit up to 1.00 unit. An independent study allows a student to pursue a specific topic not covered in existing courses, under the supervision of a faculty member. A written proposal must be submitted and agreed upon by the faculty independent study advisor. *Prerequisite: Junior standing, a contract with a supervising professor, and department approval. May be repeated for credit up to 4.00 units. Cannot be audited. Cannot be taken Credit/No Credit.*