

Major Requirements: Asian Studies

I. Foundation

The Asian Studies major trains students to understand and engage this world, helping them to grasp a civilization with a long and rich history.

The major begins with a basic disciplinary foundation that helps students understand any aspect of international affairs, with coursework in history, political science, economics, and anthropology. At the same time, students begin to develop their language skills, helping them deepen their understanding of the region.

Foundation (3 Credits)

Required: IAFF 2091: East Asia Past and Present

II. Foreign Language Requirements

Chinese CHIN 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004, 3105, and 3106

Japanese JAPN 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004, 3105, and 3106

Korean KOR 1001, 1002, 2003, 2004, 3105, and 3106

III. Regional Foundations (3 Credits)

Students must take one course from the lists below to gain an understanding of a region of the world outside of Asia and the United States.

Select One:

Africa

IAFF 2093: Africa: Problems and Prospects

IAFF 2190W: Special Topics

- North Africa and the World

IAFF 3189: Special Topics in African Studies

- Transnational Justice in Africa

ANTH 3708: Cultures of Africa

HIST 3501: Special Topics in African History

PSC 2381: Politics of Middle and Southern Africa

PSC 2482: African International Politics

Latin America

IAFF 2090: Latin America: Problems and Promise

IAFF 2190W: Special Topics*

- Latin American Populism

IAFF 3187: Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies*

- Central American and Caribbean Perspectives

- Political Economy of Latin America

ANTH 3702: Anthropology of Latin America

GEOG 3161: Geography of Latin America

HIST 3701: Special Topics in Latin American History*

- Latin America and the World since 1820

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HIST 3711: History of Latin America (1820-Present)
PSC 2383: Comparative Politics of Latin America
PSC 2484: International Relations of Latin America

Europe and Eurasia

IAFF 2092: Russia and Eastern Europe: An Introduction
IAFF 2094: Europe: International & Domestic Interactions
IAFF 4191W: Senior Seminar: Europe
HIST 1121: War of Ideas 1750–Today
HIST 3101: Special Topics in European History*
HIST 3125: Europe in the 20th Century
HIST 3126: European Integration: A History
HIST 3168: The Two Germanys and the Cold War
HIST 3178: The Making of the Modern Balkans
PSC 2330: Comparative Politics of Western Europe
PSC 2331: Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe

Middle East

IAFF 2040: Basic Topics in International Affairs:*

- Middle East: An International Affairs Survey

IAFF 2190W: Special Topics:*

- Arab Politics
- Challenges and Change in the Middle East
- Politics and Culture in the Middle East

IAFF 3188: Special Topics in Middle East Studies*

- Political Islam
- US Policy in the Gulf

IAFF 4191: Senior Seminar: Political Islam
ANTH 3707: Cultures of the Middle East
GEOG 3154: Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
HIST 3801: Special Topics in Middle Eastern History*

- Gender and the Middle East

HIST 3811: Middle East in the 20th Century
PSC 2377: Comparative Politics of the Middle East
PSC 2478: International Relations of the Middle East

**Academic Advisor Approval required for courses not listed here.*

IV. Research Methods (3 Credits)

Students must complete one course pertaining to qualitative or quantitative social science research methods.

- Credit for only one of the following courses may be applied toward a degree: STAT 1051, 1053, or 1111.
- STAT courses may not be double-counted between the Math requirement and the Research Methods requirement.

Select One:

IAFF 2040: IA Research Methods
ANTH 3531: Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
ECON 2123: Introduction to Econometrics
GEOG 2104: Introduction to Cartography/GIS
GEOG 2105: Techniques of Spatial Analysis
PSC 2101: Scope and Methods of Political Science

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PUBH 3131: Epidemiology: Measuring Health and Disease
PSYC 2101: Research Methods in Psychology
SOC 2101: Social Research Methods
SOC 2111: Field Research
STAT 1051: Introduction to Business & Economic Statistics
STAT 1053: Introduction to Statistics in Social Science
STAT 1111: Business and Economic Statistics I
STAT 2112: Business and Economic Statistics II

V. Asian Literature (3 Credits)

Select One:

Other Asian literature courses may be appropriate. Please contact the Program Director if you have any questions.

CHIN 3111: Chinese Literature in Translation (I)
CHIN 3112: Chinese Literature in Translation (II)
JAPN 3111: Japanese Literature in Translation (I)
JAPN 3112: Japanese Literature in Translation (II)
KOR 3111: Korean Literature in Translation (I)
KOR 3112: Korean Literature in Translation (II)

VI. Multi-disciplinary Core (18 Credits)

Other Asia-related courses than those listed below may be appropriate. Please contact the Program Director if you have any questions.

History & Culture (9 Credits)

Select Three:

AH 2190: East Asian Art
AH 2191: South Asian Art
AH 2192: The Art of Southeast Asia
ANTH 3703: Cultures of the Pacific
ANTH 3705: Anthropology of East Asia
ANTH 3709: Japanese Culture through Film (same as JAPN 3162)
CHIN 3136: Chinese Women in Myth, Literature, and Film (same as WSTU 3136)
CHIN 3162: Chinese Culture through Film
ENGL 3965: Asian American Cultural Studies
FA 1075: East Asian Calligraphy
HIST 2305W: Cold War in Asia
HIST 3001: Pre-approved Special Topics Courses
Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- The Korean War
- The Cold War in Asia
- Vietnam: Colonialism, War, Revolution
- WWII in Asia: History and Legacy
- Modern Southeast Asian History
- World War II in Asia
- WWII in East Asia & the Pacific

HIST 3614W: Gender, Power & Sexuality East Asia
HIST 3035: U.S. and Wars in Indo-China, 1945-1975
HIST 3611: History of Modern China
HIST 3621: History of Modern Japan
HIST 3630: History of Korea
HIST 3640: History of Southeast Asia
HIST 3650: Modern South Asia, 1750–Present
HONR 2175: Buddhist Philosophy

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IAFF 3186: Special Topics in Asian Studies

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- Memory & Reconciliation Asia

KOR 3162: Korean Culture through Film

REL 1002: Intro to World Religions: East

REL 2401: Islam

REL 2601: Buddhism

REL 2811: Confucian Literature in East Asia

REL 3481: Women in Islam

REL 2501: Hinduism

REL 3514: Indian Philosophy & Mysticism

REL 2562: Mythologies of India

REL 3614: Buddhist Philosophy

REL 3821: Religion and Ethics in East Asia

REL 3831: Daoism in East Asia

REL 3832: Myth, Ritual & Popular Religion in China

REL 3989: The Goddess in India & Beyond

REL 3990: Pre-approved Special Topics Courses

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- Mahabharata and Pali Buddhism
- Shamanism in Theory

Political Science/Geography (6 Credits)

Select Two:

GEOG 3165: Geography of South Asia

IAFF 3182: Special Topics in Foreign Policy

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- China's Rise & Implications

IAFF 2190W: Special Topics

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- US-Asia: Critical Issues

IAFF 3186: Special Topics in Asian Studies

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- Indo-Pacific Security Challenges
- Politics & Conflict South Asia
- Taiwan: Current Challenges & Future Directions
- US-China Relations

IAFF 3190: Special Topics in International Affairs

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- China and Africa

PSC 2368: Politics of the Two Koreas

PSC 2369: Comparative Politics of South Asia

PSC 2371: Politics and Foreign Policy of China

PSC 2373: Comparative Politics of Southeast Asia

PSC 2374: Politics and Foreign Policy of Japan

PSC 2475: International Relations of East Asia

PSC 2992: Special Topics Courses Pre-Approved by the Program Director.

Permission of Instructor required.

PSC 3192W: Proseminar

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- Chinese Foreign Policy
- Post-Conflict Vietnam

Economics & Development (3 Credits)

Select One:

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ECON 2151: Economic Development

ECON 2169: Introduction to the Economy of China

ECON 2170: Introduction to the Economy of Japan

ECON 2195: East Asian Economies

IAFF 3186: Special Topics in Asian Studies

Program Director Approval required for courses not listed here.

- Development Issues in SE Asia

VII. Related Coursework (9 Credits)

Select three courses related to Asia (including East, South [India, Pakistan, and surrounding countries], Southeast, and Central Asia) from any discipline and submit a Related Coursework Declaration Form (.pdf) to Academic Advising with the Program Director's signature.