ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR

Asian Studies draws from a broad range of courses in the liberal arts, including anthropology, art history, communication, English, film, history, philosophy, political science, and sociology.

Ten courses (minimum of 30 credits) are required for the major. Students should demonstrate elementary proficiency or the equivalent of the first year of instruction in Chinese (Mandarin), Japanese, or another Asian language in consultation with the Director of the Program. They are also expected to demonstrate an ability to locate, evaluate, and use research materials relevant to Asian Studies as evidenced by an upper level seminar.

Finally, students should demonstrate breadth by taking at least one elective course concerning the East Asian region (i.e. China, Korea, or Japan), and at least one elective course outside of that region – for example, a class on Vietnam or Malaysia.

Please consult the online schedule of classes for courses approved for credit in Asian Studies in a given semester. Students can also contact the Director of the Program for more information.

Requirements

Ten courses (minimum of 30 credits) are required for the major.

**Major Requirements**

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<td>ASTA 1800</td>
<td>Intro to Asian Studies</td>
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**Language Courses**

Select two language courses at any level in Chinese, Japanese, or another Asian language as approved by the Program Director. 6-8

**Electives**

Select from among the courses offered in the Asian Studies Program and in other Departments and Programs approved for credit in the Asian Studies major. Within these courses, the following requirements apply:

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**Geographic Distribution**

Select at least one elective course concerning the East Asian region (i.e. China, Korea, or Japan), and at least one course outside of that region (e.g., Vietnam, Malaysia).

**Upper Level Courses**

Select at least one Upper Level elective course at the 4000 level or higher.

Total Credit Hours (Minimum): 30

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1. ASTA 1800 is only offered in the spring semester. Students are strongly encouraged to take this course during their Freshman or Sophomore year, although it may be taken by any student including Juniors and Seniors.

2. A maximum of four language courses may count toward the major, replacing 6-8 credits of elective courses. Language classes used to fulfill the NTC language requirement cannot also be counted towards the Asian Studies major.

3. Upper Level courses may also count towards the geographic distribution requirement, and vice versa.

**Language Course List**

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<td>Issues in Contemporary China</td>
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<td>ASTC 4350</td>
<td>Chinese Lit and Culture</td>
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ASTC 4360 Special Topics in Chinese Lang ³ 3

Japanese Language Courses

ASTJ 1010 Beginning Japanese I 4
ASTJ 1020 Beginning Japanese II 4
ASTJ 2030 Intermediate Japanese I 4
ASTJ 2040 Intermediate Japanese II 4
ASTJ 3050 Advanced Japanese Speaking I 3
ASTJ 3051 Advanced Japanese Speaking II 3
ASTJ 4060 Advanced Japanese Comp & Pres ³ 3
ASTJ 4070 Advanced Japanese Composition & Presentation II ³ 3

¹This course is not offered every year.

Electives Course List

Course ID  Title  Credits
ANTH 3160  Peoples of The Pacific  3
ANTH 3370  Locating Southeast Asia  3,4
ANTH 3770  Global Vietnam  3,4
ANTH 6770  Global Vietnam  3
ARHS 3111  Tombs and Temples: East Asian Art before 1300  3
ARHS 3112  Monks and Merchants: East Asian Art from Medieval to Contemporary  3
ARHS 6871  Art of Death: Funerary Art and Ritual in Ancient China  3,4
ASTA 3180  Peoples & Cultures of S. Asia  3
ASTA 3511  Intro to Chinese Linguistics  3
ASTA 3520  Modern Japanese Culture  3
ASTA 3540  Anime, Japan & Globalization  3
ASTA 3550  Feudal Japan: Age of the Samurai  3
ASTA 3770  Chinese Cinema  3,4
ASTA 3810  Modern Chinese Lit and Society  3
ASTA 3910  Special Offerings In Asian Studies  3,4
ASTA 4500  Special Topics  3
ASTA 4600  Dragon and Lotus  3,4
ASTA 4910  Independent Study  1-3
ASTA 4990  Honors Thesis  3
ASTA 5000  Honors Thesis  4
COMM 2405  Topics in Comparative and Transnational Asian Media  3
COMM 4303  Globalization & Malaysian Film  3,4
COMM 4650  Asians in American Film & TV  3
HISC 2010  History of China to 1800  3
HISC 2020  History of China since 1800  3
HISC 2910  Special Topics  1-3
HISC 3910  Special Topics  1-3
HISC 6110  Women in East Asian History  3,4
HISC 6210  The PRC: China under Communism  3,4
HISC 6310  China Revolution 1900-1949  3
HISC 6410  Empire and Rebellion in China  3
HISC 6610  Seminar on Modern Japan  3,4
HISC 6910  Special Topics  1-3
HISU 3642  US War in Vietnam  3
PHIL 3490  Buddhist Ethics  3
PHIL 3500  Buddhism  3
POLC 3380  Asian Governments  3
China Studies within the Asian Studies Program

Students selecting to pursue the China track within the Asian Studies major must complete five Chinese-related classes as part of the overall requirements for the major. At least two ASTC courses at the 3000-level or above must be included within the five required track courses, and no more than five ASTC courses can be applied to the major. In addition, at least half of the required credits must be taken on the Tulane campus or through a Tulane approved off-campus program. Specific measurable learning outcomes of students graduating with a coordinate major in Asian Studies with a concentration in the China track include:

• Demonstrate at least an advanced proficiency in Chinese as demonstrated by completing two ASTC courses at the 3000-level or above.
• Possess at least a basic understanding of the historical, social, and cultural background of China.
• Locate, evaluate and utilize research materials germane to Chinese studies.

Japan Studies within the Asian Studies Program

Students selecting to pursue the Japan track within the Asian Studies coordinate major must complete five Japanese-related classes as part of the overall requirements for the major. At least two ASTJ courses at or above the 3000-level must be included within the five required track courses, and no more than five ASTJ courses may be applied to the major. In addition, at least half of the required credits must be taken on the Tulane campus or through a Tulane approved off-campus program. Specific measurable learning outcomes of students graduating with a coordinate major in Asian Studies with a concentration in the Japan track include:

• Demonstrate at least advanced proficiency in Japanese by having passed two ASTJ courses at the 3000-level and above.
• Possess at least a basic understanding of the historical, social, and cultural background of Japan.
• Locate, evaluate and utilize research materials germane to Japanese studies.