

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 take ASTA 1800 and 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 a 4000-level or 6000-level seminar.

Finally, students should demonstrate breadth by taking at least one elective concerning the East Asian region (i.e. China, Korea, or Japan), and at least one elective outside of that region – for example, a class on South Asia, Southeast Asia, or one that addresses global, transnational, and diasporic elements.

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

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Major Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
Introductory Course ¹		
ASTA 1800	Intro to Asian Studies	3
Language Courses ²		
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:		19-21
Geographic Distribution		
Select at least one course focused on the East Asia region (e.g., China, Japan, Korea) and at least one course covering other world regions, such as South Asia, Southeast Asia, or a course that explores connections between Asia and other regions.		
Upper Level Courses ³		
Select at least one Upper Level elective course at the 4000 level or higher.		
Total Credit Hours (Minimum):		30

¹Students are strongly encouraged to take the ASTA 1800 Intro to Asian Studies (3 c.h.) course during their Freshman or Sophomore year, although it may be taken by any student including Juniors and Seniors.

²A maximum of four language courses may count toward the major, replacing 6-8 credits of elective courses.

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

Language Course List

Course ID	Title	Credits
Chinese Language Courses		
ASTC 1010	Beginning Chinese I	4
ASTC 1020	Beginning Chinese II	4
ASTC 2030	Intermediate Chinese I	4
ASTC 2040	Intermediate Chinese II	4
ASTC 3050	Adv Chinese Language I	4
ASTC 3060	Adv Chinese Language II	4
ASTC 3065	Issues in Contemporary China	4
ASTC 4070	Adv Chinese Read & Write	3
ASTC 4080	Chinese Media Literacy	3

ASTC 4350	Chinese Lit and Culture ¹	3
ASTC 4360	Special Topics in Chinese Lang ¹	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 ¹	3
ASTJ 4070	Advanced Japanese Composition & Presentation II ¹	3

¹This course is not offered every year.

Electives Course List

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3160	Peoples of The Pacific [§]	3
ANTH 3340	Social Life and South Asia [§]	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 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 2650	US Immigration: Law & Politics [§]	3
HISU 3642	US War in Vietnam [§]	3
PHIL 3490	Buddhist Ethics [§]	3

PHIL 3500	Buddhism §	3
POLC 3380	Asian Governments §	3
POLC 4350	Chinese Politics *	3
POLC 6930	Regime Change in Asia	4
SOCI 1460	Asian-Amer Communities §	3
THEA 3030	Suzuki Method of Acting *	2

Total Credit Hours: 30 (minimum)

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 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 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 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.

* East Asian Region Elective

§ Beyond East Asia Elective

Program String and Field of Study: LABA_UG, ASST **Field of Study Code for Tracks:** ASCT or ASJT

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Liberal Arts (<https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/asian-studies/contact-us/>).