

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Programs

Undergraduate

Major

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Courses

Asian Studies (ASTA)

ASTA 1800 Intro to Asian Studies (3)

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to the field of Asian Studies and to familiarize students with its primary regions: East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Each of these regions is complex, rich in history and diverse cultures, and important in the global community. Introduction to Asian Studies provides students with a framework with which they can understand each major area in terms of aesthetic expression, cultural and linguistic groups, economics, geography, history, politics, philosophy, and religion.

ASTA 1940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Departmental approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 2940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 3180 Peoples & Cultures of S. Asia (3)

A survey of the peoples and cultures of India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sikkim, and Sri Lanka. Emphasis is placed upon the social organization and cultural history of the diverse peoples who have inhabited the Indian Triangle.

ASTA 3511 Intro to Chinese Linguistics (3)

Introduction to Chinese Linguistics is designed to help Chinese learners understand Chinese grammar in a systematic manner as well as gain a theoretical perspective on Chinese language structure, give linguistic students a sense of how Chinese languages, in particular, Mandarin Chinese works and help (future) Chinese instructors gain the meta-linguistic knowledge in teaching Mandarin language. This course will be conducted in the form of lectures and student-led discussions. At the end of this course, students are expected to build a schema on Chinese language structure, gain a better pragmatic knowledge of Chinese language and have a better understanding of Chinese socio-cultural conventions in its language usage.

ASTA 3520 Modern Japanese Culture (3)

Study of contemporary Japanese culture and society.

ASTA 3540 Anime, Japan & Globalization (3)

This course will engage the interdisciplinary field of anime, globalization, and cultural policy studies to better understand the broader relationship between popular media, culture and politics. We will engage with select anime texts and articles to better understand how anime has developed into a global medium, and further analyze these texts through readings that deal with Japan's postwar development. Students will develop a better understanding of the history of Japanese anime as well as the global market flows that influenced the current development of anime into a massive international phenomenon.

ASTA 3550 Feudal Japan: Age of the Samurai (3)

Shogun & Samurai examines Japanese culture, history, and society from the dawn of the Samurai class until its demise in the last half of the nineteenth century. During this period, Japan evolved from a highly warlike society to one in which peace prevailed for more than 250 years. Topics to be covered include geography, prehistory, class/caste development, religion, warfare, urban development, theatre, fine arts, social control, and western contact. No prerequisites.

ASTA 3770 Chinese Cinema (3-4)

Critical survey of Chinese Cinema taught in English. with historical coverage but focusing on contemporary (post-80s) cinema, covering a range of genres including art films. comedies. melodramas. science fiction. and historical films from Mainland. Hong Kong, and Taiwan. A key question we address is how cinema becomes "national," highlighting the geopolitical and historical issues that inhere in the global circulation of films and their interpretation. Students will learn skills in film analysis and criticism with a view of problems of cross cultural analysis and key themes in modern Chinese culture. including the meaning of revolution. shifting gender roles. and the relation between politics and art.

ASTA 3810 Modern Chinese Lit and Society (3)

This course is a general introduction to the modern Chinese fiction, poetry, and prose from the early twentieth century to the present.

ASTA 3910 Spec offer. In Asian Stu (3-4)

Courses offered by visiting professors. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 4500 Special Topics (3)

Special topics in Asian studies. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 4600 Dragon and Lotus (3-4)

This course, focusing the visual and material culture of China from the prehistoric to the medieval period. is to interrogate the dynamics between art. politics, and rituals. Students will investigate how ancient Chinese made use of a variety of mediums for different social and political purposes and how a myriad of motifs conveyed symbolic meanings,

ASTA 4910 Independent Study (1-3)

Independent study in Asian studies. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 4990 Honors Thesis (3)

Honors thesis.

ASTA 5000 Honors Thesis (4)**ASTA 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20)**

Semester abroad. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Junior year abroad. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Junior year abroad. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTA 5940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer coursework at the 5000 level. Departmental approval required.

Maximum Hours: 99

Chinese Language (ASTC)

ASTC 1010 Beginning Chinese I (4)

Designed for students to acquire a knowledge of the fundamentals of the Chinese language to be demonstrated in four areas of basic language skills: oral and listening comprehension, speaking, writing (Chinese characters), and some reading ability.

ASTC 1020 Beginning Chinese II (4)

A continuation of the objectives presented in Beginning Chinese I. Attention is given to practical and topics-oriented conversational skills, moods of speech, and complex level of syntax. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1020 Placement' or ASTC 1010.

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ASTC 1040 Beg Chin II: Heritage Learners (4)

ASTC 1040 is tailored to accommodate students who grew up in an environment in which Chinese is spoken by parents or guardians at home and for those who are familiar with the language and possess native-like abilities in comprehension and speaking. Only those students who have taken ASTC 1030 or those who are placed in ASTC 1040 by the language learning center and who have received approval from the instructor are able to take ASTC 1040. ASTC1040 prepares students for ASTC3060. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1040 Placement' or ASTC 1030.

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ASTC 1890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 1940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Departmental approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 2030 Intermediate Chinese I (4)

An intensive study of conventional Chinese characters, additional grammar, and an exposure to simplified Chinese characters. Continued emphasis on reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 2030 Placement' or ASTC 1020.

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ASTC 2040 Intermediate Chinese II (4)

A continuation of the objectives presented in Intermediate Chinese I. Attention is given to improvement of the student's ability to read and write in modern Chinese. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 2040 Placement' or ASTC 2030.

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ASTC 2890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 2940 Transfer Coursework (0-4)

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 2990 Foreign Language Exempt (0)

Foreign language exempt.

ASTC 3050 Adv Chinese Language I (4)

First semester advanced instruction in the Chinese language, including conversation, reading, and writing. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3000 Placement', minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3050 Placement' or ASTC 2040.

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ASTC 3051 Heritage Chinese (4)

ASTC 3051 is tailored to accommodate students who grew up in an environment in which Chinese is spoken by parents or guardians at home and for those who are familiar with the language and possess intermediate-mid proficiency level in listening comprehension and speaking. Students will be listening to and read about topics about their surroundings, such as colors and shapes, forms of objects, types of products, materials and specifications, physical features of a person, apparels and attires, industry and professions, nature and disaster, geographical environment and natural resources, city and urban characteristics etc. Prerequisite(s): ASTC 3050.

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ASTC 3060 Adv Chinese Language II (4)

This course is designed for students who have prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, preferably with the equivalent of two and a half years' Chinese learning experience. The course is to advance students' Chinese social-cultural awareness and their oral proficiency while developing reading and writing skills. Students will read a variety of viewpoints on current issues of population, education, family, gender, environment, business and technology in the rapidly changing China. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to read Chinese with fluency and accuracy; students are expected to be able to skim for the main idea of texts; students are expected to be able to look for specific information in each text; students are expected to analyze and express themselves, and give opinions in oral presentations and writing tasks on covered topics. Only those students who have taken ASTC 3050, ASTC1030, or ASTC 1040 at Tulane or those who are placed in ASTC 3060 by language learning center can take ASTC 3060. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3060 Placement' or ASTC 3050.

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ASTC 3065 Issues in Contemporary China (4)

ASTC 3065 is designed for students who have completed and passed ASTC 3060. This course focuses on developing students' advanced language skills in Mandarin Chinese as well as knowledge of contemporary Chinese culture and society. Students will be listening to, watching and reading multi-media materials (articles, videos, podcast, social media, etc.) about modern China. Topics covered in this course include population, birth rate, housing, education, employment, etc. By the end of the semester, students are expected to reach Advanced low (being able to narrate, describe in paragraph length as defined by ACTFL proficiency guidelines) in interpersonal and presentational communication. Students are expected to understand and produce detailed and paragraph-length speech on informal topics, and also show emerging abilities of understanding and expressing opinion on social-oriented abstract topics.

Prerequisite(s): ASTC 3060.

ASTC 3070 Business Chinese (3)

This course is for students who have achieved intermediate-low/mid Chinese language proficiency. The goal is for students to acquire the necessary linguistic competence and understand the business culture in China to function effectively in a business setting. At the end of the semester, students are expected to the proficiency level of intermediate-mid to advanced low in listening, speaking, reading and writing (based on ACTFL foreign language proficiency guidelines). Prerequisite(s): ASTC 3050 or 1040.

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ASTC 3910 Special Topics (1-3)

Special topics in Asian studies. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 4070 Adv Chinese Read & Write (3)

ASTC 4070 is designed for students who have completed three years of mandarin Chinese learning or equivalent. The course will continue improving students' proficiency in mandarin Chinese and knowledge of Chinese culture and society. The registration of the course requires permission of the instructor. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 4000 Level Placement' or ASTC 3060.

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ASTC 4080 Chinese Media Literacy (3)

ASTC 4080 Chinese Media Literacy is designed for students who have completed ASTC 4070 (with a grade of B- or above) or permission from the instructor. It will focus on developing students' advanced language skills in Mandarin Chinese as well as knowledge of contemporary Chinese culture and society. Students will be listening to, watching or reading multi-media materials from the media on modern Chinese society, including news reports on nation, business, crime, education, lifestyle, sports and entertainment and expatriate. By the end of the semester, students are expected to gain the vocabulary that will help to improve Chinese media literacy and become comfortable in understanding media Chinese in text and in audio/video format, share news stories and one's opinion on a given piece of news, discuss the content and analyze the social impact and cultural meaning of an event reported by the media. Prerequisite(s): ASTC 4070 or minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 4000 Level Placement'.

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ASTC 4350 Chinese Lit and Culture (3)

This course is designed for students who have completed three years of mandarin Chinese (ASTC-3060) or its equivalent. It is aimed at improving students reading and writing proficiency in the language through the study of the writings of Chinese authors. Students will read, discuss, and write about short stories written in the contemporary period. Prerequisite(s): or ASTC 3060 or 1030.

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ASTC 4360 Special Topics in Chinese Lang (3)

Course Limit: 4

ASTC 4920 Independent Studies (3-4)

Independent study in Asian studies.

ASTC 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Junior year abroad.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTC 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Junior year abroad.

Maximum Hours: 99

Japanese Language (ASTJ)

ASTJ 1010 Beginning Japanese I (4)

Emphasizes conversational Japanese. Includes study of basic grammar and introduction of hiragana, and katakana.

ASTJ 1020 Beginning Japanese II (4)

Emphasizes conversational Japanese based on text in hiragana, katakana, kanji. Includes study of complex grammar and introduction of approximately 100 kanji. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 1020 Placement' or ASTJ 1010.

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ASTJ 2030 Intermediate Japanese I (4)

Conversation, reading, and writing based on text in hiragana, katakana and kanji. Continuation of study of complex grammar and introduction of approximately 100 additional kanji. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 2030 Placement' or ASTJ 1020.

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ASTJ 2040 Intermediate Japanese II (4)

Conversation, reading, and writing based on text in hiragana, katakana, and kanji. Continuation of study of complex grammar and introduction of approximately 150 additional kanji. Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 2040 Placement' or ASTJ 2030.

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ASTJ 3050 Advanced Japanese Speaking I (3)

Development of conversational, reading and writing skills in Japanese. Prerequisite(s): ASTJ 2040 or minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 3050 Placement'.

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ASTJ 3051 Advanced Japanese Speaking II (3)

ASTJ3051 is a continuation of ASTJ3050, reinforcing previously learned grammar points, the students will deepen overall knowledge on Japanese culture and society through discussion and reading. Prerequisite(s): ASTJ 3050 or minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 3051 Placement'.

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ASTJ 3060 Advanced Japanese Reading II (3)

A continuation of objectives in ASTJ 3010, intended to provide an advanced level of skills in Japanese. Prerequisite(s): ASTJ 2040.

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ASTJ 4060 Advanced Japanese Comp & Pres (3)

This is a fourth-year advanced Japanese composition and presentation course that will help students develop their vocabulary, writing, and oral presentation skills. The students will learn about effective communication strategies in different types of linguistic situations. The course will also expose students to various aspects of Japanese culture and society. Prerequisite: ASTJ3051 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 4000 Level Placement' or ASTJ 3051.

ASTJ 4070 Adv Jap Comp & Pres II (3)

This class is a continuation of its prerequisite, the course "Advanced Japanese Composition and Presentation." It is designed to equip the students with an ability to participate in Japanese conversation, exchange information and express feelings. The course also aims at deepening an understanding and developing appreciation for Japanese tradition as well as for the students' own culture. Prerequisites: ASTJ 4060 Adv Jap Comp & Pres I

Prerequisite(s): ASTJ 4060 or minimum score of PASS in 'ASTJ 4000 Level Placement'.

ASTJ 4910 Independent Study (1-3)

Independent study in Asian studies. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

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ASTJ 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Semester abroad in Asian studies. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

ASTJ 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

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ASTJ 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

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