

ASIAN STUDIES

Asian Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the language, literature, culture, history, society, politics, philosophy, religion, and traditions of the rich and diverse countries of Asia. Courses in more than 10 academic disciplines contribute to this minor program. The Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, established in 1998, annually sponsors lectures, workshops, concerts, conferences, and cultural events to promote awareness and understanding of Asia. These activities augment the curricular offerings of the minor.

Study abroad is not required for the Asian Studies Minor, but it is both recognized and encouraged. Asian Studies Minor students are eligible to apply to study abroad for a semester or year through any of the approved programs listed in the Center for International Education website under Asian Studies. After consultation with their academic advisors, students may contact the relevant program director for more information and are encouraged to work closely with the staff at the Center for International Education.

Minor Requirements

Twenty-four (24) credits including two semesters (6 credits) or the equivalent of an Asian language (the language credits apply to one language, taken in sequence; the language may be taken at UMW or at an outside institution or as part of a study abroad program for transfer credit); six additional non-language courses, representing at least two different academic disciplines, of which a minimum of 9 credits must be at the 300 level or above. A maximum of 6 credits Individual Study and/or Internship may count toward fulfilling the minor requirements.

Asian Studies Course Offerings

Code	Title	Credits
CHIN 101 & CHIN 102	Beginning Chinese I and Beginning Chinese II	6
CHIN 201 & CHIN 202	Intermediate Chinese I and Intermediate Chinese II	6
ARTH 118	History of Asian Art	3
ARTH 224	Arts of Japan and Korea	3
ARTH 270	Topics in Non-Western and Non-Eurocentric Art (approved topics)	3
ARTH 356	Global Modernisms in East Asian Art	3
ARTH 357	Contemporary Asian Art	3
ARTH 470	Seminar: Special Studies in Art History (approved topics)	3
ENGL 353	Asian-American Literature	3
ENGL 364	Contemporary Asian Novel	3
HIST 141 & HIST 142	Asian Civilization I and Asian Civilization II	6
HIST 300	Topics in History (approved topics)	3
HIST 324	Chinese History through Film	3
HIST 364	History of Japan	3
HIST 365 & HIST 366	Late Imperial China and Modern China	6
HIST 368	Gender in Chinese History	3
HIST 390A	The United States and Vietnam	3
HIST 466	Cultural History of Late 20th Century China	3
IDIS 350	Study Abroad (approved topics)	1-6

JAPN 101 & JAPN 102	Beginning Japanese I and Beginning Japanese II	6
JAPN 201 & JAPN 202	Intermediate Japanese I and Intermediate Japanese II	6
MDFL 201	World Literature in Cultural Context	3
PHIL/RELG 283	Hinduism	3
PHIL/RELG 284	Buddhism	3
PHIL 440	Studies in Asian and Comparative Philosophy	3
RELG 101	Introduction to World Religions	3
RELG 210	Islam	3
RELG 298	Ethics of Religion and Violence	3
RELG 331	Special Studies in Religion (approved topics)	3
RELG 384	Death and Rebirth in Tibetan Buddhism	3
PSCI 354A	Politics of South Asia	3
PSCI 366	Government and Politics of China	3
PSCI 367	East Asia in World Affairs	3
Independent Study (in any appropriate discipline, with approved topic)		
Internship (with approved topic)		