

Asian Studies B.A. – Liberal Arts Emphasis

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Advising Information:

Students must consult with their assigned major advisor each semester prior to registering.

To find your advisor, log into ursa.unco.edu; go to 'Student' tab and click 'View Student Information' link. If no advisor is listed, contact the major program for advisor information.

The program consists of three parts:

- Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC) Credits
- Required Major Credits
- University-Wide Credits

Program Description:

The program in Asian Studies prepares individuals who have a broad understanding of Asia as a region, and in-depth understanding of a particular region of Asia through the study of the languages, history, literatures, arts, and cultures of Asia. Upon completion of this course of study, students will have a highly individualized but broad familiarity with the region and will also understand the history and culture of Asia, as well as how this history and the various cultures affect its current dynamics.

The program fosters knowledge and study of international, specifically Asian, issues, as well as national and local diversity by inclusion of courses on the Asian Diaspora. Courses in Asian civilizations, literature, history, and the arts train students in Asian culture, and develop their cultural competence. Because the program requires study of Asian languages and encourages study abroad to one of UNC's direct exchange partner institutions in Asian countries, this program prepares student to work effectively with "diverse populations."

Students completing this program will have linguistic competence in at least one Asian language, and an understanding in Asian cultures, literature, art and history. Students are further encouraged to take on a minor in other subjects that complement their understanding of Asia and enable them to continue to graduate studies in Asian studies, or to broaden their career prospects.

Suggested minors are: Business Administration, Chinese, Film, Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality, History, or Gender Studies.

Students demonstrate their cultural competence through completion of their senior research project in the ASIA 475, and 61 credit hours of work in Asia-related courses.

Program Admission Requirement:

Academic Good Standing.

Program Requirements:

Students must achieve a rating of Intermediate in one Asian language demonstrated through an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).

In accordance with University Policies, coursework earned more than 10 years prior to the date of matriculation to UNC may not be used to satisfy any major or minor requirements. Any exception to this policy is at the discretion of the academic program.

Program Recommendations:

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Degree Requirements — 120 Credits

1. Liberal Arts Curriculum — 31 credits

To complete the degree in 120 credits as outlined, the program recommends the below LAC courses that also count toward the 61 required major credits.

Any additional coursework completed outside of the recommended list below may extend the length of the program of study.

Written Communication — 6 credits

Select any courses to fulfill this requirement from the currently approved LAC course list.

See Written Communication courses

Mathematics — 3 credits

Select any courses to fulfill this requirement from the currently approved LAC course list.

See Mathematics courses

**Arts & Humanities, History, Social & Behavioral Sciences,
U.S. Multicultural Studies, and International Studies — 15
credits**

To complete the LAC in the minimum number of credits,
be sure to choose at least one course with an IS
designation and one course with an MS designation.

HIST 113 (3) is recommended to fulfill History requirement
and will fulfill both LAC and major requirements.

See Arts & Humanities, History, and Social & Behavioral
Sciences courses

Natural & Physical Sciences — 7 credits

Select any courses to fulfill this requirement from the
currently approved LAC course list.

See Natural & Physical Sciences courses

See Liberal Arts Curriculum

2. Required Major — 61 credits

Take the following courses:

HIST 112 Asian Civilization I: From Prehistory
to 1500 3

HIST 113 Asian Civilizations II: From 1500
to the Present 3

ASIA 475 Research Seminar 3

Choose six credits from the following courses:

ASIA 216 South and Southeast Asian Literature 3

CHIN 216 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature 3

ENG 236 Ethnic American Literature 3

ENG 262 Masterpieces of World Literature 3

Advisor approval is required prior to registering for ENG
236 and ENG 262, which can only count toward this
requirement if at least 1/3 of the course focuses on Asia.

Choose six credits from the following courses:

HIST 307 History to China to 1500 3

HIST 310 History of China Since 1500 3

HIST 311 History of Japan 3

Language Requirement: 28 credits in Asian languages

Students may divide the 28 credits among more than one
Asian language, but must also achieve at least
intermediate level proficiency in one Asian language,

demonstrated through the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)
through Language Testing International. The following
language courses are acceptable:

CHIN 101 Elementary Chinese I 5

CHIN 102 Elementary Chinese II 5

CHIN 201 Intermediate Chinese I 3

CHIN 202 Intermediate Chinese II 3

CHIN 301 China and the Chinese 3

CHIN 302 China and the Chinese II 3

CHIN 311 Introduction to Literary Chinese 3

CHIN 313 Chinese Cinema 3

CHIN 395 Topics in Modern China 3

CHIN 407 Chinese for Oral Proficiency 3

CHIN 450 Modern Chinese Literature 3

CHIN 495 Topics in Traditional China 3

JAPN 101 Elementary Japanese I 5

JAPN 102 Elementary Japanese II 5

JAPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I 3

JAPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II 3

JAPN 301 Japan and the Japanese I 3

JAPN 302 Japan and the Japanese II 3

JAPN 407 Japanese for Oral Proficiency 3

JAPN 450 Japanese Literature 3

FL 195 Elementary World Language 5

Note: FL 195 must be in an approved Asian language to
count towards Asian Studies.

Choose 12 additional credits from the following list, or
from any other group of required Asian Studies courses
listed above:

ANT 313 Anthropology of Globalization 3

ART 484 Asian Art History 3

ASIA 116 State, Society, and Culture in
Contemporary Asia 3

ASIA 499 Asian Studies Thesis 3

CHIN 116 Introduction to Chinese Civilization 3

GEOG 218 Emerging Asia	3
GNDR 285 Gender in the Contemporary Global Order	3
JAPN 116 Contemporary Japan	3
MIND 181 Great Traditions of Asia: India, China and Japan	3
MIND 281 Modernity in Asia	3
MUS 248 Asian Musical Culture	3
PHIL 246 Early Chinese Philosophy	3
PSCI 319 Asian Politics	3

Advisor approval is required prior to registering for the following courses, which can only count toward this requirement if at least 1/3 of the course focuses on Asia. A course adjustment form will need to be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for courses approved from this list.

ANT 408 Workshop in Anthropology	3-12
ANT 470 Seminar in Anthropology	3
ASIA 392 Internship in Asian Studies	2- 5
FL 296 Study Abroad Experience	3
FL 395 Special Topics	1- 4
FILM 320 Special Topics in Film	3
HIST 395 Topics in History	3
PHIL 300 Topics in Philosophy	3

ANT 313, ANT 408, ANT 470, HIST 395, PHIL 300, and PSCI 319 have prerequisites outside of the major requirements.

3. University-Wide Credits — 28 credits*

Complete additional credits to achieve the minimum credits needed for any degree at UNC; for this program, that will typically be 28 credits.

*Note: Students who apply the recommended courses to both the liberal arts curriculum and the major requirements will have an increased number of university wide electives to apply to this degree. See your advisor for details.