

Asian Studies

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Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

The B.A. degree in Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws on faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and other professional schools at FIU. The courses are coordinated by the Institute for Asian Studies, which also sponsors workshops, lectures, cultural events, and study abroad programs.

Like the certificate program in Asian Studies, the bachelor's program provides students with a rich learning experience about a fascinating and increasingly important region of the world, and is intended to enhance the student's competitiveness upon graduation. The program provides a multidisciplinary approach covering the philosophy, religion, art history, language and literature of Asia as well as issues in history, politics, geography, sociology/anthropology, and international relations.

The B.A. has two concentrations: **International Political Economy of Asia**, emphasizes social scientific studies involving economics, international relations, politics, and sociology; and **Asian Cultural Studies**, emphasizes the humanities and arts disciplinary approaches.

For further information please contact the Institute for Asian Studies, located at DM 300B, at asian@fiu.edu or at (305) 348-1914. Also, visit our website at <http://asian.fiu.edu>.

Lower Division Preparation

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including CLAST or its equivalent, completed 60 semester hours, and be otherwise acceptable into the program.

Upper Division Program

The Major requires 30 hours of upper division course work. Students who elect a major in Asian Studies are required to declare a major in another department or discipline, and should consult with the advisors of both majors on regular basis prior to graduation.

Common Requirements (both concentrations)

Language Requirements (3 credits)

Four Semesters of Chinese, Japanese, or other Asian Language.

Core Courses (27 credits)

1. 18 credits from the Asian Studies courses list pertaining to the main concentration. (9 credits allowed in comparative courses)
2. 6 credits in the other concentration or in advanced language courses

3. 3 credits in a supervised research course (ASN 4000-level)
4. Students may receive credits through a Study Abroad courses or an Internship program

International Political Economy of Asia Concentration Electives:

CHI 3440	Chinese for Business
CPO 3502	Politics of the Far East
CPO 4507	Comparative Political Economy of Asia
CPO 4541	Politics of China
CPO 4553	Government Politics of Japan
ECO 4701	World Economy
ECO 4703	International Trade Theory and Policy
ECS 3003	Comparative Economic Systems
ECS 3200	Economics of Asia
ECS 3704	International Economics
FIN 3652	Asian Financial Markets and Institutions
GEA 3705	Geography of Central Asia and the Caucasus
INR 3081	Contemporary International Problems
INR 3223	Japan and the US
INR 3224	International Relations of East Asia
INR 3226	International Relations of Central Asia and the Caucasus
INR 3232	International Relations of China
INR 3262	International Relations of Russia and the Former USSR
INR 3703	International Political Economy
INR 4032	Asia and Latin America in World Affairs
INR 4283	International Relations, Development, and Third World
INR 4521	Politics of Regional Integration
JPN 3140	Japanese for Business
LBS 4653	Labor Movements in Developing Countries
LBS 4654	Comp and International Labor Studies
MAN 4600	International Business
MAR 4156	International Marketing
SSI 3240	World Prospect and Issues
SYD 3650	Sociology of Gender and Power in Asia
SYO 4550	Comparative Sociology
SYP 4454	Globalization and Society

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Asian Cultural Studies Concentration Electives:

AMH 4544	The United States and the Vietnam War
AMH 4xxx	US Foreign Relations
AML 4xxx	American Writers and the Orient
ARC 4754	Asian and African Architecture
ARC 4xxx	Cities of Asia
ARH 4552	Art of China and Japan
ASH 3440	History of Japan
ASH 4300	East Asian Civilization and Culture
ASH 4364	History of Women in Asia
ASH 4404	History of Modern China
ASN 4510	Dynamics of Asia
COM 3410	Cultural Communication-Patterns of Asia
DAN 2761	The Art of Yoga and Meditation
DAN 4136	Global Perspectives in Dance and Culture I
DAN 4137	Global Perspectives in Dance and Culture II
EDF 4xxx	Arts and Education in China

EDF 3xxx	Education in Japan
EVR 3402	Asian Environmental Issues
JPN 3500	Japanese Culture and Society
LIN 4624	Bilingualism and Language Policy
MUH 3052	Music of the World
MUH 3570	Survey of Asian Music
PEM 4401	Comp Analysis of Japanese Martial Arts
PET 3148	Intro to Martial Arts
PHH 3810	Philosophy of Buddhism
PHH 3840	Indian Philosophy
PHI 3762	Eastern Philo and Religious Thought
PHP 3840	Chinese and Japanese Philosophy
REL 3027	Meditation and Mystical Traditions
REL 3028	Sacred Places, Sacred Travels
REL 3123	Asian Religions in the Americas
REL 3145	Women and Religion
REL 3302	World Religions
REL 3313	Sources of Modern Asian Society
REL 3314	Religions of the Silk Road
REL 3330	Religions of India
REL 4311	Religious Classics of Asia
REL 4312	Jews of Asia
REL 4340	Pathways to Buddha
REL 4345	Zen Buddhism
REL 4351	Religion and Japanese Culture
SPW 4133	Eastern Thought and L.A. Literature: Octavio Paz
SPW 4470	Asia in 19 th Century Hispanic Literature

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Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies with Honors

The Honors track is designed for promising students who possess a strong desire for intellectual challenge and growth that focuses on their interest in Asia. The Honors track provides students with a more depth foundation in the traditional cultures and modern socio-economic societies of Asia; and further prepares them for advanced studies as well as for careers in the public and private sectors.

Requirements

- To earn a B.A. with honors in Asian Studies, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA in Asian Studies courses.
- Candidates for the B.A. with honors in Asian Studies will complete the same requirements as the B.A. major with one exception. In addition to the 18 semester hours on the concentration of choice (i.e. international political economy of Asia or Asian cultural studies), students will take 3 additional semester hours of "Independent Research in Asian Studies" (ASN 4911), during which the thesis or honors paper will be proposed, researched, written and defended orally.
- In the semester prior to graduation, the student will enroll in "Independent Research in Asian Studies" (ASN 4911) in which he or she will expand a term paper into an honors paper/thesis or will begin a thesis anew under the direction of an appropriate member of the Asian Studies or affiliated faculty.
- When the thesis is approved by the faculty member, the coordinator of ASN 4911 will organize and schedule a defense of the honors paper/thesis, at which he or she will present the research and will respond to questions from

faculty and students. This requirement will be deemed to have been met upon a majority positive vote of faculty.

e. The honors paper/thesis normally would be approximately 25-30 pages, must be presented according to FIU regulations (available in the department office), and will be deposited in the FIU library. The honors paper/thesis must demonstrate that the student has mastered skills in defining a topic, research and expository writing, as well as oral skills required for presentation and defense of the honors paper/thesis.

Minor in Asian Studies

This program is designed with an interdisciplinary approach to Asian Studies. This minor offers a specialized focus on area and comparative studies. It prepares students interested in careers in international business, state or federal government, foreign affairs, and education, and more.

Required Course (3 credits)

Students must choose one from the following list of core courses in comparative area studies or global studies.

ASN 4510	Dynamics of Asia
ECS 3303	Comparative Economic Systems
GEA 2000	World Regional Geography
INR 4283	International Relations of the Developing and Third World
REL 3302	Studies in World Religions
SYO 4550	Comparative Sociology
WOH 2001	World Civilizations

Electives (12 credits)

Students must select 12 elective credits from the list of courses approved for the Asian Studies B.A. degree (see above). Students are encouraged to take language courses, participate in the study abroad programs, and internships. A maximum of 6 credits will be awarded towards the minor for language courses.

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Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

ASN – Asian Studies
SAL – Sanskrit

ASN 2002 Introduction to Asian Societies (3). Overview of Asian societies, including their interaction and impact on modern times.

ASN 3015 South Asian Cultures (3). An overview of South Asian culture.

ASN 3042 Asian Religions and the Arts (3). Examines the richly diverse and complex forms of art and artistic expression in the various Asian religions against the background of their respective cultural settings.

ASN 3329 Women in Asian Society (3). A multidisciplinary examination of the roles of and attitudes towards women in contemporary Asia. Analysis of how modernization and globalization affect women's status.

ASN 3403 Zen and the Art of Tea Ceremony (3). An introduction to the cultural traditions and social behavior of Asia that covers the history, theory, and practice of Chado, or Way of Tea, a Zen-Buddhist inspired art.

ASN 3410 Introduction to East Asia (3). An overview of East Asia from traditional to modern times including the interaction among Asian cultures as well as between Asia and the world.

ASN 3414 Cultures of East Asia (3). A survey of the major cultural expressions of the societies of traditional and modern China and Japan.

ASN 3931 Special Topics in Asian Studies (3). An examination of specific topics in Asian Studies. The content is to be determined by the instructor.

ASN 4111 Japan and the New East (3). Issues of nationalism, regionalism and globalism in light of the emerging role of Japan in relation to the ascendancy of China and the implications for East Asia.

ASN 4404 Zen and the Art of the Tea Ceremony II (3). Theory, practice, aesthetics and cultural history of Chado, the Tea Ceremony of Zen Buddhism.

ASN 4510 Dynamics of Asia (3). An interdisciplinary study of the classical and contemporary periods in Asian civilizations, including tradition and modernization, culture and the arts, gender and diversity, and international relations. May be repeated with a change of content.

ASN 4810 Readings in Classical East Asian Texts (3). Reading and interpretation of classical sources from literature and religion in East Asia.

ASN 4911 Independent Research in Asian Studies (1-6). Topics selected to meet academic needs for students doing research in same special area in Asian Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 4941 Internship in Asian Studies (1-3). Students to intern in local, national, and overseas organizations with ties to Asia. The nature of the work to be determined in conjunction with the advisor. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 5120 Religion and Society in Japan (3). Examines the relation between religion and the state, the growth of new religious movements, the role of religion during times of war and conflict, issues of religious freedom and legality, the impact of religious institutions on gender and ethnicity.

ASN 5130 Zen and the Arts (3). Examines the history, theory, and practice of Chado (Way of Tea), a Zen-inspired art that has had, and still exerts, a long-lasting influence on Japanese society.

ASN 5131 Zen and the Arts II (3). Theory, practice, aesthetics and cultural history of Chado the Tea Ceremony of Zen Buddhism.

ASN 5171 International Relations of Contemporary China (3). Survey of the dynamic interaction between external and internal factors on China's international relations.

ASN 5306 Applying Asian Cultural Values in Business (3). Critical survey of traditional Asian values. Topics to include the way they have been applied to the world of entrepreneurship, cultural constructions of the Asian business community and philosophical approaches to the formation of entrepreneurial strategies.

ASN 5315 Survey of Modern Asia (3). Focus on modernization, or the transition from pre-modern (classical and medieval) to elements of the modern, including westernization, industrialization, and the roles of capitalism, communism, imperialism, and colonialism, as well as the impact of post-colonialism and post-modern society in Asia.

ASN 5605 Silk Road: Then and Now (3). Examination of the historical and contemporary significance of the Silk Road as an avenue for commercial and cultural exchange between East and West.

ASN 5815 Studies of Classical East Asian Texts (3). Advanced studies of classical East Asian readings from literature and religion, including interpretation and analysis from traditional and contemporary perspectives. Proficiency in Japanese and/or Chinese required. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 5910 Independent Research in Asian Studies (1-6). Topics will be selected to meet academic needs for students doing research in some specialized area of asian studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 5932 Special Topics in Asian Studies (3). An examination of specific topics in Asian Studies. The content to be determined by instructor.

FLE 4853 Chinese Studies Pedagogy (3). Introduction to Chinese language pedagogy, providing knowledge and tools for teaching Chinese language and culture in a classroom, in a variety of pedagogical settings. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

SRK 2100 Sanskrit I – Basic Sanskrit (3). Basic Sanskrit skills including Devanagiri alphabet; fundamentals of oral communication; grammar; use of dictionary; history of Sanskrit languages and literature.

SRK 2101 Sanskrit II – Parinian Sanskrit (3). Basic elementary Sanskrit alphabet and phonetics, grammar and syntax, formation and understanding of simple sentences common Sanskrit terms used in Hindu literature relationship to other languages. Prerequisite: SRK 2100.

SRK 3232 Sanskrit III – Epic Sanskrit (3). Reading and literary analysis of representative Sanskrit epic literature. The Bhagavad Gita will be the focus of attention. Prerequisite: SRK 2101.

SRK 3233 Sanskrit IV – Sanskrit Composition (3). Advanced aspects of poetic structures and literary styles of Sanskrit literature. Foci will be the Panchatantra and the works of Kalidasa. Prerequisite: SRK 3232.