

Asian Studies (AIST)

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Students may pursue Asian studies as a second major alongside a primary major in Fulbright College. The program also offers a minor in Asian Studies.

The Asian Studies Program draws on the strength of faculty both in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and in other colleges on campus to provide resources and training in Asian languages, cultures, history, politics and economics. The program strives to provide students with a well-rounded education essential for careers in which knowledge of Asia is vital, promote interdisciplinary research on the Pacific region, and serve as a source of knowledge and expertise for the community.

Requirements for the Asian Studies Second Major:

Language Competence: Students must complete CHIN 2013 (or equivalent) or JAPN 2013 (or equivalent). Subject to the approval of the Director of Studies, students with language competence in one language (Chinese or Japanese) may receive some elective credit for competence level courses in the other language. Proficiency in other Asian languages may also satisfy this requirement.

In addition to the above language requirement, students must complete 21 hours in Asia-related courses, subject to the following conditions:

Colloquium (3-6 hours): Students must complete at least three hours in the interdisciplinary colloquium, AIST 4003/AIST 4003H. The AIST Colloquium may be repeated, provided the topic is different.

Electives (15-18 hours): In addition to the above requirements and the requirements for the departmental major, students must complete 15-18 hours of Asia-related courses (AIST-approved electives listed below) subject to the following conditions of distribution:

1. Students must complete 6 hours of history courses;
2. Students must complete 6 hours of social science courses;
3. Courses must be selected from at least three different departments;
4. A maximum of nine hours may be submitted from any one department;
5. In addition, the following may be applied toward the major:
 - a. Up to 6 hours of upper-level language courses (such as CHIN 3003, CHIN 3033, CHIN 3103, JAPN 3003, JAPN 3013, JAPN 3033);
 - b. Up to 6 hours of credits in an approved study-abroad program;
 - c. Up to 6 hours of CHIN 3983 or JAPN 3983/JAPN 3983H (Special Studies)
 - d. Other Asia-related courses with approval of the director of Asian Studies

Approved AIST Electives

CHIN 4313	Culture and Society in China	3
ECON 3933	The Japanese Economic System	3
ECON 4633	International Trade	3

HIST 3513	History of China to 1644	3
HIST 3523	Modern China (Sp)	3
HIST 4403	Islam in Asia (Irregular)	3
HIST 4553	The Recluse in Early East Asia	3
HIST 4633	Heian Japan (794-1192) (Irregular)	3
	or HIST 4633H Honors Heian Japan (794-1192) (Irregular)	
HIST 4853	Early Chinese Empires: Mythology, Archeology, and Historiography	3
HIST 4863	Classical Thought in East Asia	3
HIST 4903/4903H	Music and the Arts of Edo Japan 1600-1868 (Irregular)	3
HIST 4913/4913H	Reading Japanese Noh as Cultural History (Irregular)	3
HIST 4923/4923H	Song China 960-1279 (Irregular)	3
HIST 4933/4933H	Ad Paradisum: Utopias, imaginary places, and the afterlife in East Asia (Irregular)	3
JAPN 4213	Japanese Culture (Irregular)	3
JAPN 4313/4313H	Language and Society of Japan (Fa)	3
MUSY 4113H	Honors Pro-Seminar: Honors Ethnomusicology	3
MUSY 4313H	Honors Special Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Musics	3
MUSY 477V/477VH	Independent Research in Ethnomusicology	1-4
PLSC 3503	Governments and Politics of East Asia	3
PLSC 4823	Foreign Policy of East Asia	3

Requirements for a Minor in Asian Studies:

Students may earn a minor in Asian Studies by taking courses in art, anthropology, economics, geography, history, languages, sociology, political science, and literature of Asia. Students must fulfill the language requirement described below and complete 15 hours in Asia-related courses in order to earn the minor.

Language Requirement: Students must complete CHIN 2013 (or equivalent) or JAPN 2013 (or equivalent). At the discretion of the chair of studies, proficiency in other Asian languages may also satisfy this requirement.

Beyond the language requirement, students must complete 15 credit hours of approved courses, including at least three hours in the Asian Studies Colloquium (AIST 4003). The following courses may be taken in fulfillment of the elective requirements:

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ECON 3933	The Japanese Economic System	3
ECON 4633	International Trade	3
HIST 3513	History of China to 1644	3
HIST 3523	Modern China (Sp)	3
HIST 4553	The Recluse in Early East Asia	3
HIST 4633/4633H	Heian Japan (794-1192) (Irregular)	3
HIST 4853	Early Chinese Empires: Mythology, Archeology, and Historiography	3

HIST 4863	Classical Thought in East Asia	3
HIST 4903/4903H	Music and the Arts of Edo Japan 1600-1868 (Irregular)	3
HIST 4913/4913H	Reading Japanese Noh as Cultural History (Irregular)	3
HIST 4923/4923H	Song China 960-1279 (Irregular)	3
HIST 4933/4933H	Ad Paradisum: Utopias, imaginary places, and the afterlife in East Asia (Irregular)	3
JAPN 4213	Japanese Culture (Irregular)	3
JAPN 4313/4313H	Language and Society of Japan (Fa)	3
MUSY 4113H	Honors Pro-Seminar: Honors Ethnomusicology	3
MUSY 4313H	Honors Special Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Musics	3
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Students may also apply three hours of credit in an approved study-abroad program in an Asian country and three hours of upper-level Chinese or Japanese toward the minor.

Other courses that include Asia-specific content may be taken for credit toward the secondary major or minor with the approval of the Chair of Asian Studies.

Courses

AIST 4003. Asian Studies Colloquium. 3 Hours.

An interdepartmental colloquium with an annual change of subject, required of students in the Asian studies program. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

AIST 4003H. Honors Asian Studies Colloquium. 3 Hours.

An interdepartmental colloquium with an annual change of subject, required of students in the Asian studies program. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

This course is equivalent to AIST 4003.