

# Asian Studies (AIST)

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## Courses

### **AIST 31003. Chinese Culture through Film. 3 Hours.**

Explores Chinese culture through the lens of Chinese films with an emphasis on contemporary communicative culture. Designed to give students analytical insights into Chinese culture, especially how its language, history, philosophy, society, education, customs, family values, and gender roles shape contemporary culture and people's communication. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

### **AIST 32703. Sociology of China. 3 Hours.**

This class offers a sociological account of China, including both its social ethos and the experience of Chinese Americans in the United States. (Typically offered: Fall)  
This course is cross-listed with SOCI 32703.

### **AIST 35003. Government and Politics of East Asia. 3 Hours.**

Comparative analysis of structures, processes, and problems of the political systems of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Japan, and the Peoples Republic of China.  
Prerequisite: PLSC 20103. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)  
This course is cross-listed with PLSC 35003.

### **AIST 35303. World War II. 3 Hours.**

This course explores broad themes such as imperialism, colonialism, nationalism, transnationalism, and racism by placing WWII in the context of the build-up of tensions between China, the Japanese Empire, and the United States starting in the nineteenth century. (Typically offered: Spring)  
This course is cross-listed with HIST 35303.

### **AIST 36303. Modern Japan. 3 Hours.**

This course exposes students to the rapid transformations in Japan from the mid-nineteenth century through to their rise into an important player in global politics. Students will be familiarized with the narrative history of the Japanese home islands as well as the place of Japan in the context of world events and global currents. (Typically offered: Fall)  
This course is equivalent to HIST 36303.

### **AIST 3900V. Special Topics in Asian Studies. 1-3 Hour.**

Special topics in Asian Studies. May be repeated for degree credit. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

### **AIST 40003. 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. (Typically offered: Fall) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

### **AIST 400H3. 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. (Typically offered: Fall) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.  
This course is equivalent to AIST 40003.

### **AIST 43203. Culture and Society in China. 3 Hours.**

Examines contemporary Chinese society and culture through the lens of language and with an emphasis on globalization. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

### **AIST 44003. Islam in Asia. 3 Hours.**

This course will introduce students to the history and varieties of Muslim life in East Asia and Southeast Asia during the past 1,200 years. Through a comparative historical approach, it will examine themes of gender, imperialism and nationalism, religious education, pilgrimage, Islamic modernism, and religious extremism. (Typically offered: Fall)  
This course is cross-listed with HIST 44003.

### **AIST 48203. Foreign Policy of East Asia. 3 Hours.**

This course provides an introduction to China's foreign policy at the undergraduate level. Key topics covered include the historical, domestic, and international contexts of Chinese foreign policy, China's relations with key partner countries, security strategies, foreign economic relations, and evolving role in global governance. (Typically offered: Fall)  
This course is cross-listed with PLSC 48203.