Asian Studies (Graduate Certificate)

The flexibility of two tracks allows you to choose a geographic region that is of most interest to you. Whether you choose the East Asia track or Southeast Asia track, this certificate will complement your current graduate degree and prepare you for a variety of careers.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Asian Studies (certificate)

The graduate certificate in Asian studies offers graduate students a transdisciplinary specialization in Asian language and area studies. The certificate program is available in two tracks: the East Asia track that includes China, Japan and Korea; and the Southeast Asia track that includes Burma, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei and Timor Leste.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

18 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
two courses at the 500 level or above dealing with Asian content from a single discipline

Electives (6 credit hours)
two courses at the 500 level or above dealing with Asian content from a discipline other than that chosen for the core courses
Other Requirements (6 credit hours)
language proficiency requirement: two courses at the 400 level or above in one Asian language (Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese)

Culminating Experience (0 credit hours)
a thesis or capstone project on a topic related to the student's region of emphasis and selected in consultation with the student's faculty mentor

Additional Curricular Information
Students work closely with a faculty advisor from the Center for Asian Research to develop a cohesive curriculum tailored to their individual goals and interests.

Some of the coursework from the discipline in which the student is earning a graduate degree may be used to satisfy these requirements.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Graduate students currently enrolled in any discipline may pursue a certificate in Asian studies in conjunction with their degree program.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. For more information, students should visit https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

Contact Information