Asian Studies (Graduate Certificate)

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Asian Studies (certificate)

The graduate certificate program in Asian studies offers graduate students a transdisciplinary specialization in Asian language and area studies. The certificate 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: 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 a student's 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, please visit [https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency](https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency).

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