Asian Studies, Certificate

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Add an Asian studies certificate to your bachelor's degree in any discipline. A general overview of Asian culture and history can complement fields of research that interest you, such as art, technology, finance and law.

Description

The Asian studies certificate supplements a bachelor's degree, providing students with knowledge of an Asian language as well as general knowledge of Asian history, art, culture and society. Graduates possess official transcript recognition of specialization in Asian studies.

At a Glance

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

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Certificate Map

The certificate requires 24 credit hours of approved coursework, in addition to proficiency in an Asian language. Fifteen credit hours of upper-division area studies coursework must be chosen from at least four different disciplines, e.g., language and cultures, history, religious studies, anthropology, geography, political science, global studies, art and music. Courses from other disciplines may be used by approval. The remaining nine credit hours may be chosen in any combination.

At least six upper-division hours in the certificate must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required for each course that is used to fulfill the certificate requirements.
**Language Requirement**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in an Asian language by completing the 201 and 202 course sequence, one year of study abroad at the intermediate level or satisfactory performance on a proficiency exam. Asian languages include Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese.

**Disciplinary Electives -- 24 credit hours**

Upper Division Disciplinary Electives (15)
At least four different disciplines must be represented within the upper-division disciplinary electives (e.g., history, religious studies, global studies, anthropology). Crosslisted courses will only apply to the certificate under one discipline; students may choose the discipline that is most advantageous.

Disciplinary Electives (9)
Students select the remaining disciplinary electives from the lists below in any combination.

**Anthropology**

ASB 325: Peoples of Southeast Asia (G) (3)

**Art History**

ARS 201: Art of Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
ARS 444: Films of India (3)
ARS 472: Art of China (HU) (3)
ARS 473: Art of Japan (HU) (3)
ARS 475: Chinese Painting (HU) (3)

**Cultural Geography**

GCU 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
GCU 326: Geography of Asia (SB & G) (3)
GCU 432: Geography of China (SB & G) (3)
GCU 433: Geography of Southeast Asia (3)

**Dance**

DCE 114: Dances of India I (2)

**Film and Media Studies**

FMS 426: Films of India (3)

**Global Studies**

SGS 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
SGS 245: Introduction to India and South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
SGS 381: Modern Southeast Asia (SB & G & H) (3)

**History**

HST 106: Asian Civilizations ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
HST 108: Introduction to Japan (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 111: Introduction to Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
HST 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
HST 245: Introduction to India and South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
HST 302: Envisioning Peace (3)
HST 302: Women, War and Peace (3)
HST 303: Studies in Asian History (3)
HST 336: Islamic Civilization (HU & H) (3)
HST 339: Islam in the Modern World (HU & G) (3)
HST 383: China (SB & H) (3)
HST 384: Modern China: 1700 to the Present (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 385: History of Chinese Medicine (HU & H & G) (3)
HST 386: Interpreting China's Classics ((L or HU) & H) (3)
HST 387: Japan ((L or HU) & H) (3)
HST 388: Japan (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 389: Japan Society and Values/Premod (3)
HST 391: Modern Southeast Asia (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 392: Modern India (3)
HST 451: Chinese Cultural History I ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 452: Chinese Cultural History II (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 456: The Vietnam War (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 459: Gandhi and the Politics of Nonviolence (3)

Language and Cultures

CHI 120 / SLC 120: Introduction to Chinese Culture (L or HU) (3)
CHI 205: Chinese Calligraphy (1)
CHI 307: Introduction to Literary Chinese I (HU) (3)
CHI 308: Introduction to Literary Chinese II (HU) (3)
CHI 321: Chinese Literature (HU) (3)
CHI 322: Chinese Literature (HU & G) (3)
CHI 333 / SLC 333: China (SB & H) (3)
CHI 336 / SLC 336: Interpreting China's Classics ((L or HU) & H) (3)
CHI 338: The Daoist Bible: The Daode jing (L or HU) (3)
CHI 343: Daoism (L or HU) & G & H (3)
CHI 345: Chinese Film and Civilization (3)
CHI 346: Chinese Religions (3)
CHI 348: Pathways into Chinese Culture (3)
CHI 451 / SLC 451: Chinese Cultural History I ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
CHI 452 / SLC 452: Chinese Cultural History II (SB & G & H) (3)
CHI 470: Modern Chinese Literature and Culture (3)

JPN 115: Japanese Popular Culture: Anime, Manga, and Film (G) (3)
JPN 315: The Language of Japanese Popular Culture I: Gender and Onomatopoeia/Mimesis (G) (3)
JPN 316: The Language of Japanese Popular Culture II: Honorifics and Dialects (G) (3)
JPN 333: Japanese Civilization from the Ice Age to Last Thursday (3)
JPN 401: Reading Modern Japanese Texts I ((L or HU) & G) (3)
JPN 414: Introduction to Classical Japanese (3)
JPN 415: Advanced Classical Japanese (3)
JPN 445: Readings in Modern Japanese Letters and Culture (3)
JPN 485: Japanese Literature and the Art of Translation (3)
KOR 250: Korean Culture and Society (HU & G) (3)
KOR 321 / SLC 321: Modern Korean Literature (HU) (3)
KOR 347: Korean Film and Literature (HU) (3)
KOR 350: Women of Korea (H) (3)
KOR 354: Religions of Korea (HU) (3)
KOR 375 / SLC 375: Intercultural Communication in Korea (3)
KOR 415 / SLC 415: Korean Popular Culture (HU & G) (3)
KOR 457 / SLC 457: Premodern Korea in a Global Context (HU) (3)
SLC 245: Introduction to India and South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
SLC 334: Modern China: 1700 to the Present (SB & G & H) (3)
VTN 321: Advanced Vietnamese and Literature I (HU & G) (3)
VTN 322: Advanced Vietnamese and Literature II (HU & G) (3)

Music
MUP 489: Gamelan (1)

Political Science
POS 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
POS 245: Introduction to India and South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
POS 357: South Asia Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 358: Southeast Asia (SB & G) (3)
POS 452: China (SB & G) (3)
POS 468: Comparative Asian Foreign Policies (SB & G) (3)

Religious Studies
REL 111: Introduction to Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
REL 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
REL 245: Introduction to India and South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
REL 338: The Daoist Bible: The Daode jing (L or HU) (3)
REL 343: Daoism ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)
REL 344: Religion and Values in Japanese Life (HU & G) (3)
REL 345: Asian Religious Traditions (HU & G) (3)
REL 346: Chinese Religions (3)
REL 347: Religions of India: Peace and Conflict ((L or HU) & G) (3)
REL 348: Religion and Culture in Southeast Asia (3)
REL 350: Hinduism ((L or HU) & G) (3)
REL 351: Buddhism ((L or HU) & G) (3)
REL 352: Modern Buddhism (3)
REL 354: Religions of Korea (HU) (3)
REL 355: Japanese Cities and Cultures to 1800 (HU) (3)
REL 357: Theravada Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia ((L or HU) & G) (3)
Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** None

**Incompatible Majors:** BA in Asia studies (East Asia); BA in Asia studies (South Asia); BA in Asia studies (Southeast Asia)

**Other Admission Requirements:** None

There are no specific admission requirements other than a student's desire to learn about Asia. To add the certificate, students must consult with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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**Career Opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in Asian studies with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in teaching, journalism, global finance and banking, international law and global public health. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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