Asia Studies (East Asia), BA

Immerse yourself in the history of East Asia. Whether it's the Forbidden City of China or the mountain temples of Japan, study the histories of bustling cities in this region and gain insight into the culture today while also preparing for your future career.

Program Description

The BA program in Asia studies offers students the opportunity for in-depth study of East Asia, South Asia or Southeast Asia through a coherent concentration of academic study across a number of disciplines. The transdisciplinary approach provides students with a variety of intellectual tools that enable them to address contemporary political, social and cultural issues in Asia and apply their knowledge in various academic and practical settings.

The Asia studies degree program with a concentration on East Asia includes coursework on China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Global Management (Creative Industries and Design Thinking), MGM
- Global Management (Digital Audience Strategy), MGM
- Global Management (Global Affairs), MGM
- Global Management (Global Business), MGM
- Global Management (Global Development and Innovation), MGM
- Global Management (Global Digital Transformation), MGM
- Global Management (Global Entrepreneurship), MGM
- Global Management (Global Health Care Delivery), MGM
- Global Management (Global Legal Studies), MGM
- Global Management (Integrated Health Care), MGM
- Global Management (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), MGM
- Global Management (Public Administration), MGM
- Global Management (Public Policy), MGM
- Global Management (Sustainability Solutions), MGM
- Global Management (Sustainable Tourism), MGM
- Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the cultures they are studying, through study abroad programs available throughout East Asia. Students can deepen their understanding of East Asian history and culture, and the heightened cultural competency, adaptability, critical thinking and communication skills they acquire will enhance their resumes. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in Asia studies with a concentration in East Asia: https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/asia-studies.

Career Opportunities

People knowledgeable about Asia are required in virtually every arena in which the U.S. interacts with the rest of the world, including:

- communication and journalism
- diplomacy, trade and international organizations
- food security
- higher education
- humanitarian service and philanthropy
- intelligence
- law and law enforcement
- military studies
- technology transfer
- transportation and tourism

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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