Asia Studies (East Asia), BA

Immerse yourself in the history of East Asia, from the Forbidden City of China to 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 in Asia studies offers students the opportunity to study East Asia, South Asia or Southeast Asia in depth through a coherent concentration of academic study across a number of disciplines. The transdisciplinary approach provides students with a variety of intellectual tools to address contemporary political, social and cultural issues in Asia and to 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)

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)
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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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 the Transfer Map search 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

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.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: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.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
- diplomacy
- food security
- higher education
- humanitarian service
- intelligence
- international organizations
- journalism
- law
- law enforcement
- military
- philanthropy
- technology transfer
- tourism
- trade
- transportation

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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