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The Asian Studies program provides students with a foundation in the languages and cultures of Asia necessary to pursue a career within the rapidly developing marketplace that is Asia or to go on to graduate study in an Asia-related subject. With the intensive study of a modern Asian language at its core, the program embraces a wide variety of courses in the art, culture, economics, history, film and media, politics, religion, and sociology of East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Through their teaching and research, the affiliated faculty members promote a better understanding of multiple facets of life in Asia and the region’s relationship with the rest of the world, past and present.

Majors and minors are strongly encouraged to complete a study abroad program in Asia. Up to 6 credit hours of Asia-related courses from Vanderbilt-approved study abroad programs may be applied toward the major or minor upon approval of the Asian Studies Program Director or Director of Undergraduate Studies. Students should consult with the Director or DUS before applying to a study abroad program.

Program of Concentration in Asian Studies
The major in Asian Studies requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of course work and is designed to ensure that graduates have both depth and breadth in their understanding of Asia.

For the major in Asian Studies, students must formally declare an area of concentration at the time the major is declared (China or Japan) and complete at least 36 credit hours from the Asian Studies Course List (see below), according to these rules:

1. At least 3 credit hours in an Asian language taught in the Asian Studies Program at the 3301 (Advanced I) level or above. Asian Languages not offered by the Asian Studies Program require the approval of the Asian Studies Program Director or the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
2. At least 9 non-language credit hours of courses in area of concentration.
3. At least 6 non-language credit hours of courses eligible for Asian Perspectives.
4. Up to 18 credit hours of courses in any Asian language offered by the Asian Studies Program may be applied to the total 36 credit hours.

Advanced Placement credits in language do not count toward credit hours required for the major or minors, but can figure into the assessment of initial placement within a language track.

Honors Program in Asian Studies
In addition to following the requirements set by the College of Arts and Science, the following must be satisfied:
1. All of the requirements for the major in Asian Studies.
2. 3 credit hours of ASIA 3980 Juniors Honors Readings. If ASIA 3980 is not offered, this requirement may be substituted by an alternative course, with approval by the Asian Studies Program Director or the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
3. ASIA 4998 (3 credit hours) and 4999 (3 credit hours). Honors Research must be taken while in residence at Vanderbilt. The candidate will write an honors thesis while completing the two-semester Honors Research sequence. The honors thesis is a research paper on a topic defined by the student in consultation with the faculty adviser and approved in advance by the Honors Committee (see below for definition of Honors Committee). Note: 3980, 4998, and 4999 may count toward the 36 credit hours required for the major.
4. A minimum 3.30 cumulative grade point average with a minimum 3.50 grade point average in courses that count toward the major in Asian Studies upon completion of the Honors requirements.
5. An oral examination on the thesis typically scheduled within the two months prior to graduation.

Study abroad in a country relevant to the Honors Research project is strongly recommended.

A three-member Honors Committee of Asian Studies faculty administers the Honors Program. The committee will set guidelines for the thesis topic proposal, publish deadlines each year, and administer the oral examination. Students submit the name of the faculty adviser and the proposed thesis topic to this committee for approval early in the second semester of the junior year. If the student is studying abroad that semester, the proposed thesis topic should be submitted in the first semester of the junior year or arrangements should be made to submit the thesis topic from abroad during the second semester of the junior year.

**Minor in Asian Studies**

The minor in the Asian Studies Program provides a broad knowledge of the languages, literatures, politics, histories, film and media, arts, and religions of China and Japan. Students cannot combine the Asian Studies minor with other minors within the Asian Studies Program.

For the minor in Asian Studies, students must complete at least 17 credit hours from the Asian Studies Course List (see below), according to these rules:

1. At least 5 credit hours in an Asian Language taught in the Asian Studies program at the 2201 (Intermediate I) level or above
2. At least 6 credit hours of History Survey Courses
3. At least 3 credit hours of Humanities Courses
4. At least 3 credit hours of Social Sciences Courses
5. Up to 5 credit hours of any Asian language courses taught in the Asian Studies program may be applied to the total 18 credit hours

**Minor in Chinese Language and Culture**

The minor in Chinese Language and Culture is anchored by a firm foundation in language study that is complemented by electives in art, history, literature, film and media, politics, and religion. Students cannot combine the Chinese Language and Culture minor with other minors within the Asian Studies Program.

For the minor in Chinese Language and Culture, students must complete at least 18 total credit hours from the Asian Studies Course List (see below), according to these rules:

1. At least 3 credit hours in Chinese language at the 3301 (Advanced I) level or above
2. At least 15 credit hours of courses from China Concentration
3. Up to 13 credit hours of Chinese language courses may be applied to the total 18 credit hours

**Minor in Japanese Language and Culture**

The minor in Japanese language and culture is anchored by a firm foundation in language study that is complemented by electives in art, history, literature, film and media, politics, and religion. Students cannot combine the Japanese Language and Culture minor with other minors within the Asian Studies Program.

For the minor in Japanese Language and Culture, students must complete at least 18 total credit hours from the Asian Studies Course List (see below), according to these rules:

1. At least 3 credit hours in Japanese language at the 3301 (Advanced I) level or above
2. At least 15 credit hours of courses from Japan Concentration
3. Up to 13 credit hours of Japanese language courses may be applied to the total 18 credit hours

**Asian Studies Course List**

All courses on this list count toward the credit-hour requirements for the major and the minors within the Asian Studies Program. Their eligibility for specific requirements within the major and minors is indicated by the following codes:

- **China Concentration** = CC
- **Japan Concentration** = JC
- **Asian Perspectives** = AP
History Survey Course = HS
Humanities Course = HU
Social Science Course = SS

Any given course may be applied to only one category of requirement even if it may be eligible for more than one. Courses marked with an * require approval from the Asian Studies Program Director or Director of Undergraduate Studies.

NOTE: New course numbers took effect in fall 2015. Former course numbers are available at this website: registrar.vanderbilt.edu/faculty/course-renumbering/course-lookup/.

Chinese Language Courses

CHIN 1011 Basic Chinese (CC)
CHIN 1012 Basic Chinese (CC)
CHIN 1101 Elementary Chinese I (CC)
CHIN 1102 Elementary Chinese II (CC)
CHIN 1231 Calligraphy (CC, HU)
CHIN 2201 Intermediate Chinese I (CC)
CHIN 2202 Intermediate Chinese II (CC)
CHIN 2211 Chinese for Heritage Learners I (CC)
CHIN 2212 Chinese for Heritage Learners II (CC)
CHIN 3301 Advanced Chinese I (CC)
CHIN 3302 Advanced Chinese II (CC)
CHIN 3302W Advanced Chinese II (CC)
CHIN 3851 Independent Study (CC)*
CHIN 3852 Independent Study (CC)*
CHIN 4401 Business Chinese I (CC)
CHIN 4402 Business Chinese II (CC)
CHIN 4403 Readings in Modern Chinese Media (CC)
CHIN 4404 Readings in Modern Chinese Media (CC)
CHIN 4405 Classical Chinese Literature and Philosophy, (CC, HU)
CHIN 4406 Readings in Modern Literary Chinese (CC, HU)

Hindi-Urdu Language Courses

HNUR 1101 Elementary Hindi-Urdu I
HNUR 2201 Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I

Japanese Language Courses

JAPN 1011 Basic Japanese I (JC)
JAPN 1012 Basic Japanese II (JC)
JAPN 1101 Elementary Japanese I (JC)
JAPN 1102 Elementary Japanese II (JC)
JAPN 2201 Intermediate Japanese I (JC)
JAPN 2202 Intermediate Japanese II (JC)
JAPN 2232 Japanese through Manga (JC)
JAPN 3301 Advanced Japanese I (JC)
JAPN 3302 Advanced Japanese II (JC)
JAPN 3851 Independent Study (JC)*
JAPN 3852 Independent Study (JC)*
JAPN 3891 Special Topics in Advanced Japanese (JC)

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ASIA 1111 First-Year Writing Seminar*
ASIA 1201 Writing Southeast Asia (AP, HU)
ASIA 1680 Inside China (CC, SS)
ASIA 2100W Fashioning the Self: Coming of Age and Asian Modernities (AP, HU)
ASIA 2210W Hollywood Hanoi (HU)
ASIA 2511 Popular Culture in Modern Japan (JC, HU)
ASIA 2512 Explorations of Japanese Animation (JC, HU)
ASIA 2513W Media Monsters in Contemporary Japan (JC, HU)
ASIA 2560 Current Japan–U.S. Relations (JC, SS)
ASIA 2605 Romancing the Nation in Modern Chinese Literature (CC, HU)
ASIA 2606 Martial Tradition in Chinese Literature (CC, HU)
ASIA 2607 Self and Society in Pre-modern Chinese Literature (CC, HU)
ASIA 2608 Chinese Drama: 13th to 20th Centuries (CC, HU)
ASIA 2630 Chinese Medicine (CC, SS)
ASIA 3151 The Third World and Literature (AP, HU)
ASIA 3633 Self-Cultivation in Ancient China (CC, HU)
ASIA 3851 Independent Study*
ASIA 3852 Independent Study*
ASIA 3891 Special Topics*
ASIA 3892 Special Topics*
ASIA 3980 Junior Honors Readings*
ASIA 4998 Honors Research*
ASIA 4999 Honors Research*

History

HIST 1050. East Asia since 1800 (AP, HS)
HIST 1060. Premodern China (CC, HS)
HIST 1070. China from Empire to the People's Republic (CC, HS)
HIST 1080. Premodern Japan (JC, HS)
HIST 1090. Modern Japan (JC, HS)
HIST 1160. Modern South Asia (HS)
HIST 1881. The Body in Modern Japanese Culture (JC, HU)
HIST 2100. Themes in Modern Chinese History, 1966–1989 (CC, SS)
HIST 2105. Chinese Thought (CC, HU)
HIST 2110. Crisis Simulation in East Asia (AP, SS)
HIST 2111. U.S.–Asia Relations (AP, SS)
HIST 2115. Play and Pleasure in Early Modern Japan (JC, HU)
HIST 2119. The Pacific War in Cinematic Memory (JC, HU)
HIST 2120. Post-WWII Japan (JC, SS)
HIST 2140. The Mughal World (AP, SS)
HIST 2145. Religion and Politics in South Asia (AP, SS)
HIST 2150. India and the Indian Ocean (AP, SS)
HIST 3090 Tokyo: History and Image (JC, SS)
HIST 3110. Christianity in China (JC, SS)
HIST 3220W. Images of India (HU)

History of Art

HART 1200. Arts of East Asia (AP, HU)
HART 1205. Arts of South and Southeast Asia (AP, HU)
HART 1220. History of Asian Architecture (AP, HU)
HART 2110. Arts of China (CC, HU)
HART 2130. Arts of Japan (JC, HU)
HART 2150. East Asian Architecture and Gardens (AP, HU)
HART 2170. Religion and Politics in South and Southeast Asian Art (AP, HU)
HART 3112. The Arts of China during the Liao-Song Period (CC, HU)
HART 3164W. Art of Buddhist Relic and Reliquary (AP, HU)
Human and Organizational Development

HODI 3260. Education in the Asia-Pacific Region: Development, Reform, and Innovation (AP, SS)

Medicine, Health, and Society

MHS 2310. Chinese Society and Medicine (CC, SS)

Political Science

PSCI 2216. The Chinese Political System (CC, SS)
PSCI 3894. Development in South Asia (AP, SS)

Religious Studies

RLST 1500. Introduction to Islam (AP, HU)
RLST 1637. Religions of Tibet and the Himalaya (AP, HU)
RLST 1700. Religions in China (CC, HU)
RLST 1710. Religions of Japan (JC, HU)
RLST 2644. Buddhist Traditions (AP, HU)
RLST 2664. Foundations of Hindu Traditions (AP, HU)
RLST 3561. Islam in South Asia (HU)
RLST 3650. Classical Philosophies of India (HU)
RLST 3669. Sacred Space in the Tibetan World (AP, HU)
RLST 3670W. Buddhism and the State (AP, HU)
RLST 3747. Daoist Tradition (AP, HU)
RLST 3749. Zen Buddhism (AP, HU)
RLST 3753. East Asian Buddhism (AP, HU)
RLST 3775. Chinese Religions through Stories (CC, HU)
RLST 3776. Mythologies and Epics of South Asia (HU)
RLST 4665. Devotional Traditions of South Asia: Hindu, Muslim, Sikh (AP, HU)
RLST 4774. Japanese Mythology (JC, HU)

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Chinese

Note: Students may not earn credit for an introductory language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. In addition, students may not earn credit for an intermediate-level language course if they previously have earned credit for a higher-level course taught in that same language. Students who have earned Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credit in a foreign language will forfeit the test credit if they complete a lower-level course taught in that same language.

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Japanese

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