TO: David Zald, Chair, Committee on Educational Programs  
FROM: Tracy Miller, Acting Director, Asian Studies Program (electronic signature)  
RE: Proposed Revision to the Asian Studies Major  
Date: February 24, 2011  
cc: Michael Muise  

Over the past year (S2010-S2011), the members of the Asian Studies Program have worked to revise the Asian Studies curriculum to create a more structured major. We are a combined entity: we house the Chinese and Japanese language programs, as well as faculty teaching courses in Asian literature and religions. Asian Studies is also an interdisciplinary program with affiliated faculty in History, History of Art, Political Science, Sociology, and Human and Organizational Development, all of which contribute to the curriculum offered to Asian Studies Majors. Because of the strong language component in our program, we revised the curriculum primarily based on the model of a language and literature program (specifically French and Italian) rather than other interdisciplinary programs. The track system used in the History Department was also consulted to create a major friendly to YES programming. Additionally, we are proposing to move the Chinese and Japanese minors to Asian Studies, the administrative unit to which they already belong. This reorganization also follows the example of the Department of French and Italian.

The revision was sent out for email approval on February 4, 2011. 11 members of the program faculty were asked to submit a vote. The request was sent to the eight tenure-stream members of the program, as well as four lecturers and research professors. 11 have responded in favor of the new curriculum (including program senior lecturers), Ling Hon Lam did not respond because he is on leave. We have received no negative votes.

Although we are substantially reworking the structure of the program, we are not adding new content. Thus, this curriculum change will have no financial impact on the College of Arts and Science.

Our new curriculum will accomplish several important goals. An explanation and justification of each change appears below:

1. Major changed from a "contract major" to a structured major with "programs" in China and Japan.
A. A constructed major streamlines administration of majors. The contract major was useful when we had very few courses taught irregularly by a handful of faculty who all had primary appointments in other programs. At present we have added two tenure-stream members with primary appointments in the Asian Studies Program and have ten other members of the university who contribute courses to our major/minors. By putting a constructed major into place we will no longer have to adjust the "contract" of our present contract majors each time a contracted course is unavailable during a student’s period of matriculation. As our major numbers grow, this modification lifts a significant administrative burden from the program director and the registrar’s office.

B. The addition of “programs” revolving around the study of a modern language allows us to ensure students gain a high-level of knowledge in both the language and culture of an area of Asia, as well as an understanding of the transnational nature of Asian culture. Language proficiency (defined as having completed the first semester of 3rd year language or above) in an Asian language is now a required part of the major. Previously students were able to graduate with an Asian Studies Major without having taken an Asian language. Our faculty would like to ensure that Asian Studies majors are able to read, write, and speak at least one Asian language. We also have a large number of students who study abroad. While we strongly encourage study abroad (and require it for honors), we feel responsible to control the quality of courses. This new structure allows for us to require that certain courses be taken at Vanderbilt, including a high-level language course (3 hours), as well as specialization and perspectives courses (12 hours). Senior-year honors independent studies are also to be taken while in residence at Vanderbilt so that students are guided by program faculty.

2. New Honors Program in Asian Studies
Each year we have a handful of students who ask about engaging in an advanced research project with one of their professors. We decided that the addition of an Honors Program in Asian Studies would allow excellent students the opportunity to engage in advanced research with Vanderbilt faculty. Honors students are expected to study abroad, but their research will be held to the high standards of the Vanderbilt Honors Program.

Our Honors Program follows the model provided by the French and Italian Honors Program.

3. Chinese and Japanese minors moved under the umbrella of "Asian Studies"
Students looking to minor in Chinese or Japanese will better understand the structure of the program if they see that the minor is administered through the Asian studies office. In this we are following the model of other foreign-language departments, such as French and Italian and German and Slavic
Languages, which also list their individual minors after the major programs of concentration in specific language groups.

Other than this physical shift in the location of the program description within the catalog, the structure of the minors in Chinese and Japanese language and culture remain the same.

4. Allows for growth as we add other regions of Asia to our curriculum
The “program” format allows us to maintain important standards in specialization and language proficiency throughout our development. The curriculum itself will have no financial impact on the College at present. However, as funding becomes available, this structure allows for new language offerings and different area course offerings to be added to our major without needing a full revision of the program. The first area of targeted growth is South/Southeast Asia (for which Hindi/Urdu will be our initial language group) followed by Korea. Hopefully we will be able to develop in those areas over the next 1-3 years as the budget situation improves.
Asian Studies

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THE Asian Studies program is an essential part of Vanderbilt University’s effort to diversify its curriculum. The program currently offers various courses that cover topics related to East Asia (mainly China and Japan) and South Asia (mainly India). Other Asian regions such as Korea and Southeast Asia are also covered. The affiliated faculty members promote a better understanding of Asian regions and their relations with the rest of the world through their teaching and research.

The students who major in Asian studies are encouraged to register for courses in multiple disciplines in order to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on Asia.

The Asian Studies program requires 42 hours for the major.

Program of Concentration in Asian Studies

Asian studies is an interdisciplinary program of concentration. Many students build their majors around their intensive language studies of Chinese or Japanese. The students who major in Asian studies are also encouraged to register for a survey history course (History 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116) at an early stage of their study at Vanderbilt University. Related courses available in other disciplines are listed below.

Recommended courses by subject area are as follows:

ASIAN STUDIES: 115F, First-Year Writing Seminar; 200W, Fashioning the Self: Coming of Age and Asian Modernities; 211, Popular Culture in Modern Japan; 212, Explorations of Japanese Animation; 218, Introduction to Classical Chinese; 219, Premodern Chinese Novels; 220, Modern Chinese Fiction; 225–226, Sex and Gender in Premodern Chinese Culture; 226, Martial Arts Literature and Film: Traditions and Transformations; 236, Exploring China: Business, Culture, and Language in Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai; 240, Current Japan U.S. Relations; 289a, 289b, Independent Study; 294a, 294b, Special Topics.


ENGLISH: 277, 277W, Asian American Literature.

HISTORY: 105, Modern East Asia; 106, Premodern China; 107, Modern China; 109, Premodern Japan; 116, Modern South Asia; 122, Sexuality and Gender in China; 202, Themes in Modern Chinese History; 203, Chinese Thought; 204, Crisis Simulation in East Asia; 205, Play and Pleasure in Early Modern Japan; 206, Japan’s Recent Past; 212, India and the Indian Ocean; 282, Chinese Medicines; 288d, Images of India; 204, Selected Topics in History (as appropriate); 206, Majors Seminar (as appropriate); 207, Independent Study; 207, Junior Honors Seminar in History (as appropriate).

HISTORY OF ART: 120, Arts of East Asia; 122, History of Asian Architecture; 125, Arts of South and Southeast Asia; 246, Religion and Politics in South and Southeast Asian Art; 247, Himalayan Art: Art of the Divine Abode; 248, The South Asian Temple; 251, East Asian Architecture and Gardens; 252, Arts of China; 253, Arts of Japan; 260, Independent Research; 265, Advanced Seminar in History of Art (as appropriate).


POLITICAL SCIENCE: 216, The Chinese Political System; 287, Selected Topics.


RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 247, Taoist Tradition.

Certain courses offered in the CET program, CIEE program in China, and the Rikkyo program in Japan can also be counted toward the major:


HISTORY: Twentieth-Century Japan and Korea Relations.

HUMANITIES: Traditional Japanese Arts and Culture; Japanese Popular Culture.

POLITICAL SCIENCE: Politics and Policy in Contemporary Japan; Japan’s International Relations; Japan in Asia.


Minor in Asian Studies

The minor in Asian studies requires a minimum of 19 hours of
course work and provides a broad knowledge of the languages and literature, politics, history, arts, and religions of China and Japan. Chinese 201–202 and Japanese 200a–200b and 201–202 do not count toward the minor.

Students electing two or more minors in Asian studies must present at least 12 credit hours in each minor not being counted toward any other minor or major.

1. Required courses (6 hours):
   History 105 or 106 or 107.
   History 108 or 109.

2. Elective Courses (at least 13 hours):
   Students must fulfill the remaining hours with courses from the following list, selecting at least one from each of A, B, and C:
   
   **Group A:** Asian Studies 240; 289a–289b (Independent Study, as appropriate); History 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116, 182, 202, 205, 206, 212a, 282, 294 (Selected Topics in History, as appropriate), 295 (Majors Seminar, as appropriate), 297 (Junior Honors Seminar in History, as appropriate); Political Science 216.
   
   **Group B:** Asian Studies 200W, 211, 212, 218, 219, 220, 236, 289a–289b (Independent Study, as appropriate), 294a–294b (Special Topics, as appropriate); English 277, 277W; History 203, 288d; History of Art 120, 122, 125, 246, 247, 248, 251, 252, 253; Religious Studies 130, 244, 247.
   
   **Group C:** Chinese 214 (5 hours), 216 (5 hours), 225, 226, 231 (1 hour), 241, 242, 251, 252, 255, 256; Japanese 211 (5 hours), 212 (5 hours), 241, 242, 251, 252; 289a–289b (Independent Study, as appropriate).

   Other Asia-related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs, First-Year Writing Seminars, and Independent Studies—may be applied toward the minor upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program.

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Honors in Chemistry

Students with an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and a GPA of at least 3.4 in chemistry courses at the start of their junior year wishing to do honors will register for the honors research courses (Chem 292a, 292b, 292c—each is 2 credit hours) beginning spring semester junior year. The Chem 295a and 295b requirements are waived in lieu of the Chem 292b and Chem 292c registrations. Honors candidates must present a thesis on the research done under 292a–292b–292c and pass an oral examination. Additional information may be found in the chapter on Special Programs in the College.

Licensure for Teaching

Candidates for teacher licensure in chemistry at the secondary level should refer to the chapter on Licensure for Teaching in the Peabody College section of this catalog. One semester of the Chem 295a–295b sequence will be considered fulfilled by completing the Peabody student teaching requirements.

Introductory Courses

Introductory chemistry is offered in three different sequences, each with its own laboratory. Only one set of these courses may be taken for credit. For Chem 102a–102b and 218a–218b, successful completion of the first semester of the sequence is a prerequisite for the second semester of that sequence.

1. Chemistry 101a–101b. Intended for liberal arts students who are not planning to take any additional chemistry courses. It treats chemistry in a nonmathematical fashion, with some historical and philosophical features. Not for science and engineering students.

2. Chemistry 102a–102b. Designed for engineering, science, and premedical students. This course, which must be taken simultaneously with 104a–104b and 106a–106b, serves as preparation for students intending to major in chemistry, biology, physics, or earth and environmental sciences. It is a more rigorous, mathematical approach to chemistry and a prerequisite for organic and other chemistry courses. It is not intended for liberal arts students taking a science course only to fulfill AXLE requirements.

3. Chemistry 218a–218b. Designed for students who have a strong background in chemistry with an advanced placement test score of 5 or approval of the director of undergraduate studies. Students taking the 218a–218b sequence should also register for the organic laboratory courses 219a–219b. This course covers the same material as Chemistry 220a–220b but is limited to freshmen. Chemistry 218a–218b satisfies all Chemistry 220a–220b prerequisites needed for advanced chemistry courses. Students who complete 218a–218b are ready to take courses in chemistry traditionally taken during the third year of the major.

Course descriptions begin on page 154.

Chinese

CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
AND SENIOR LECTURER Xianmin Liu
LECTURERS Yinghui Guo, Jing Liu, Qing Wei

COURSES in Chinese may be taken on an elective basis. Students interested in an interdisciplinary major in Asian studies may consult the director of the program about the role of Chinese in such a major.

Minor in Chinese Language and Culture

The minor in Chinese language and culture requires a minimum of 18 hours of course work, anchored by a firm foundation in language study that is complemented by electives in art, history, literature, film, politics, and religion. Chinese 201 and 202 do not count toward the minor. Students electing two or more minors in Asian studies must present at least 12 credit hours in each minor not being counted toward any other minor or major.

1. Required Courses:
   Either Chinese 214, 216, and 241 (13 hours) or Chinese 225, 226, and 241 (9 hours).

2. Elective Courses from the following list (at least 6 hours):
   Asian Studies 200W, 218, 219, 220, 225, 226, 236, 289a–289b
   (Independent Study, as appropriate); 294a–294b (Special Topics, upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program).
   History 105, 106, 107, 182, 202, 203, 204, 282, 295 (as appropriate).
   History of Art 120, 122, 251, 252, 295 (as appropriate).
   Political Science 216.
   Religious Studies 247.

   Other China-related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs, First-Year Writing Seminars, and Independent Studies—may be applied toward the minor upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program.

Course descriptions begin on page 155.
Japanese

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR
AND SENIOR LECTURER Keiko Nakajima

COURSES in Japanese may be taken on an elective basis. Students interested in an interdisciplinary major in Asian studies may consult the director of the program about the role of Japanese in such a major.

Minor in Japanese Language and Culture

The minor in Japanese language and culture requires a minimum of 19 hours of course work, anchored by a firm foundation in language study that is complemented by electives in art, history, literature, film, politics, and religion. Japanese 201 and 202 do not count toward the minor.

Students electing two or more minors in Asian studies must present at least 12 credit hours in each minor not being counted toward any other minor or major.

1.—Required courses (13 hours):
   Japanese 211, 212, and 241.

2.—Elective courses from the following list (at least 6 hours):
   Asian Studies 211, 212, 240, 289a–289b (Independent Study, as appropriate); 294a–294b (Special Topics: upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program);
   History 108, 109, 205, 206, 295 (as appropriate);
   History of Art 120, 122, 251, 253, 295 (as appropriate).

Other Japan-related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs, First-Year Writing Seminars, and Independent Studies—may be applied toward the minor upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program.

Course descriptions begin on page 176.
Asian Studies

The Asian Studies program provides students a solid foundation in the languages and cultures of Asia. Our curriculum prepares interested individuals to pursue a career within the rapidly developing marketplace that is Asia or to go on to graduate study in an Asia-related topic. The program currently offers a wide variety of courses in the areas of East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Through their teaching and research, the affiliated faculty members promote a better understanding of the Asian experience and Asia’s relationship with the rest of the world, past and present.

The Major in Asian Studies requires a minimum of 36 hours of coursework designed to ensure that graduates have both depth and breadth in their understanding of Asia. Based in the intensive study of a modern Asian language, the program is expanded through courses in the economics, history, politics, religion, sociology, and visual culture of Asia. Students are also required to complete one course that emphasizes the region of Asia outside of the primary language area to acquire a multifaceted perspective on Asian culture. We strongly recommend that students study abroad in Asia for at least one semester in a Vanderbilt-approved study abroad program.

The Asian Studies Major is divided into programs that emphasize a specific region. Coursework is distributed as follows:

1. One of the following concentrations centered on the study of a modern language. Language coursework must accomplish proficiency through the first semester of third year in at least one Asian language. We encourage students to take more advanced language classes and study abroad, however the first semester of third year (or above) must be taken at Vanderbilt. Specialization courses must be taken at Vanderbilt (24 hours).

   **Program A. China**
   1. Language (18 hours)
      **Required Courses:** CHIN 241 Advanced Chinese I (or above; must be taken at Vanderbilt)
      **Elective Courses:** CHIN 202 II; 211–212, 225–226, 231, 242, 251–252, 255–256, 289a–289b.

   2. Specialization (6 hours from the following)
      ASIAN STUDIES: 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 236
      HISTORY: 106, 107, 182, 202, 203, 282, 296
      HISTORY OF ART: 249, 252
      MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SOCIETY: 290.05
      POLITICAL SCIENCE: 216
      RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 135, 247, 253
Program B. Japan

1. Language (18 hours)
   **Required Courses:** JAPN 241, Third-Year Japanese I (or above; must be taken at Vanderbilt)
   **Elective Courses:** JAPN 202, 211, 212, 241, 242, 251, 252

2. Specialization (6 hours from the following)
   ASIAN STUDIES: 211, 212, 213, 240
   HISTORY: 108, 109, 188a, 205, 206, 207, 296
   HISTORY OF ART: 251, 253

   Other Asia-related writing seminars (including First Year writing seminars), selected topics, and advanced seminars may fulfill this category with permission of the director of the Asian Studies Program.

2. Perspectives (6 hours)
   Two Asian Studies-approved courses that emphasizes Asia as a region. The courses currently offered that satisfy this requirement are:
   ASIAN STUDIES: 200W, 226,
   HISTORY: 105, 204, 212a.
   HISTORY OF ART: 120, 122, 125, 246, 251.
   HUMAN AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: 2445, 2480 (or 2490)
   RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 244, 253.

3. Electives (6 hours)
   Two courses selected from the list of Approved Courses for the Asian Studies major. Approved Courses by subject area are as follows:
   ASIAN STUDIES: 115F, First-Year Writing Seminar; 200W, Fashioning the Self: Coming of Age and Asian Modernities; 211, Popular Culture in Modern Japan; 212, Explorations of Japanese Animation; 218, Introduction to Classical Chinese; 219, Premodern Chinese Novels; 220, Modern Chinese Fiction; 225, Sex and Gender in Premodern Chinese Culture; 226, Martial Arts Literature and Film: Traditions and Transformations; 236, Exploring China: Business, Culture, and Language in Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai; 240, Current Japan–U.S. Relations; 289a–289b, Independent Study; 294a–294b, Special Topics.
   ENGLISH: 277, 277W, Asian American Literature.
   HISTORY: 105, Modern East Asia; 106, Premodern China; 107, Modern China; 108, Premodern Japan; 109, Modern Japan; 116, Modern South Asia; 182, Sexuality and Gender in China; 188a, The Body in Modern Japanese Culture; 202, Themes in Modern Chinese History; 203, Chinese Thought; 204, Crisis
Certain courses offered in the CET program, CIEE program in China, and the Rikkyo program in Japan can also be used to satisfy this portion of the major:

HISTORY: Twentieth-Century Japan and Korea Relations.
HUMANITIES: Traditional Japanese Arts and Culture; Japanese Popular Culture.
POLITICAL SCIENCE: Politics and Policy in Contemporary Japan; Japan's International Relations; Japan in Asia.

Additionally, courses from other approved study-abroad programs may be used to satisfy this requirement with permission of the director.

Honors Program in Asian Studies

In addition to requirements set by the College of Arts and Science, the following requirements must be met:
1. All of the requirements for the 36 hour major in Asian Studies
2. One Asian Studies approved Advanced Seminar (294 or 295 depending on department)
3. A minimum of one semester of study (or the summer session) at an approved study-abroad program in a country where the official language is an Asian language.
4. A minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average with a minimum 3.5 grade point average in Asian Studies.
5. 6 hours of independent study thesis credit under ASIA 299a and 299b (Honors Thesis; must be taken while in residence at Vanderbilt). Successful completion of the 2-semester independent study results in the production of an honors thesis, usually a final paper or project defined by the faculty advisor and approved, in advance, by the honors committee (see below for definition of honors committee).
6. An oral examination on the thesis and its area; usually this will happen within the two months prior to graduation.

A three-member Honors Committee of Asian Studies core or affiliated faculty will administer the program. Students must submit the name of the faculty adviser and the proposed thesis topic to this committee for approval during 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. The committee will set guidelines for the thesis topic proposal, publish deadlines each year, and administer the oral examination.

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1. Required courses (6 hours):
   History 105 or 106 or 107.
   and
   History 108 or 109.

2. Elective Courses (at least 13 hours):
   Students must fulfill the remaining hours with courses from the following list, selecting at least one from each of A, B, and C:
   Group B: Asian Studies 200W, 211, 212, 218, 219, 220, 236, English 277, 277W; History 203, 288d; History of Art 120, 122, 125, 246, 247, 248, 251, 252, 253; Religious Studies 130, 244, 247.
   Group C: Chinese 214 (5 hours), 216 (5 hours), 225, 226, 241, 242, 251, 252, 255, 256; Japanese 211 (5 hours), 212 (5 hours), 241, 242, 251, 252.
Other Asia–related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs, First-Year Writing Seminars, Selected Topics, Senior Seminars, and Independent Studies—may be applied toward the minor upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program.

**Minor in Chinese Language and Culture**

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1. **Required Courses:**
   Either CHIN 214, 216, and 241 (13 hours) or CHIN 225, 226, and 241 (9 hours).

2. **Elective Courses** (minimum 6 hours):
   ASIAN STUDIES 200W, 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 226, 236
   HISTORY 105, 106, 107, 182, 202, 203, 204, 282
   HISTORY OF ART 120, 122, 249, 251, 252
   POLITICAL SCIENCE 216
   RELIGIOUS STUDIES 135, 247, 253.

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**Minor in Japanese Language and Culture**

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1. **Required courses** (13 hours):
   Japanese 211, 212, and 241.

2. **Elective courses** (minimum 6 hours):
   ASIAN STUDIES 211, 212, 213, 240.
   HISTORY 108, 109, 205, 206, 207.
   HISTORY OF ART 120, 122, 251, 253.
Other Japan-related courses not listed here—such as those in study abroad programs, First-Year Writing Seminars, Selected Topics, Senior Seminars, and Independent Studies—may be applied toward the minor upon approval by the director of the Asian Studies program.
Date: 3/28/2011  
From: David Zald, Ph.D. Chair, Committee on Educational Programs  
To: Faculty Council  
Re: Change in Asian Studies Major

The Asian Studies Program has proposed a modification of the Asian Studies Major (attached). On 2-28-2011, the Committee on Educational Programs voted to approve the modification, with a vote of 5-0 (with 1 member absent). The approval was contingent upon some slight modifications of wording to the catalog copy, which have since been made, and I have approved the revised version of the catalog copy.

Sincerely,

David Zald
David H. Zald, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology, Psychiatry & Integrative Neuroscience Program