

Asian Studies

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Offered by the Department

Master of Arts degree in Asian studies.
Major in Asian studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Minor in Asian studies.

The Major

Two and one-half billion people live in East, Southeast, and South Asia – half of the world's population. The importance of this immense and varied region cannot be overstated. More and more Americans are discovering the rich culture and history of the Asian people. Asians have made a major contribution to the world's literature and art, religion and philosophy, and are becoming increasingly important in international relations, business, and economics.

Nonmajors who wish to increase their knowledge about Asian peoples will find courses available in the Asian studies undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Department of Asian Studies seeks to provide a background for students planning to enter business, the academic environment, government, or community service – wherever the knowledge of Asia and Asians is needed. Students in the major develop an understanding of cultural heritage, societies, language and special forces. Areas of special interest may be pursued in depth.

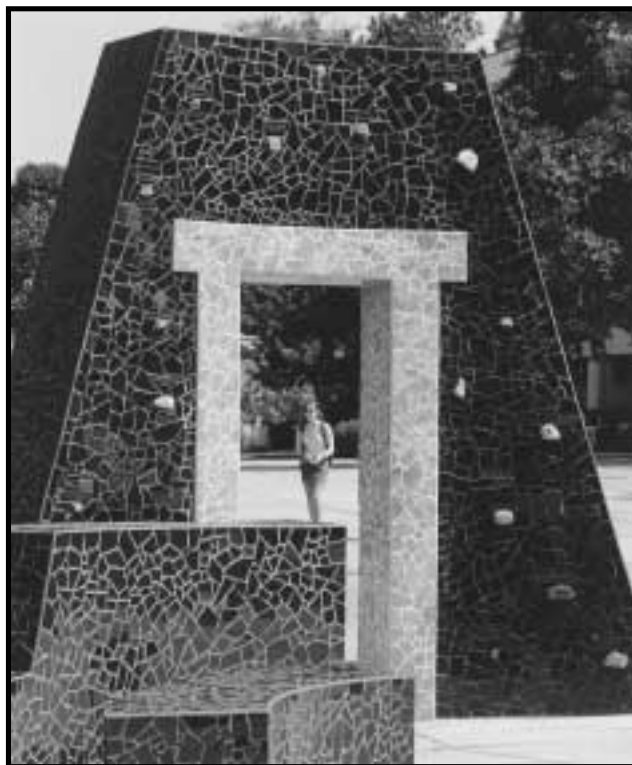
Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Asian Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 03011)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog



on "Graduation Requirements." Each student must file an individual master plan with the Asian Studies undergraduate adviser and with the Office of the Registrar.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Six units selected from Asian Studies 106, 107; Philosophy 101, 102; or Religious Studies 101; and six units selected from Anthropology 101, 102; Economics 101, 102; Geography 101, 102; or Political Science 101, 103. Recommended: Art 263. (12 units)

Foreign Language Requirement. Competency (equivalent to that normally attained through two consecutive years of college study) in one major Asian language, such as Chinese or Japanese, unless specifically waived by the undergraduate adviser.

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or completing English 508W, Linguistics 396W, Religious Studies 396W, Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W, 500W, or 503W with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include six units selected from Asian Studies 458, 459, 561, and 596. No fewer than 12 units must be selected from at least two humanities departments, and no fewer than 12 units must be selected from at least two social science departments. A student may select courses focusing on East Asia, South Asia, or Southeast Asia.

Appropriate humanities courses are Asian Studies 460, 561, 581; Art 564, 565, 596*; Comparative Literature 455, 460, 470*, 490*, 571*, 577*, 580*; History 496*, 561, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 569, 570, 596*; Linguistics 496*; Music 561*; Philosophy 351, 496*, 575*, 596*; Religious Studies 401, 403, 499*, 580*, 581*, 583*.

Appropriate social science courses are Asian Studies 331, 483, 496*; Anthropology 448, 450, 452, 496*, 582*, 583*; Economics 330, 336*, 360, 365*, 465, 496*, 499*; Political Science 361, 362, 496*, 499, 575; Women's Studies 580*.

* When deemed relevant by the undergraduate adviser.

Asian Studies Minor

The minor in Asian studies consists of a minimum of 22 units to include Asian Studies 106, 107, and four units of an appropriate Asian language, e.g., Chinese or Japanese. Twelve units must be in upper division and divided equally between humanities and social science courses.

Appropriate humanities courses are Asian Studies 458, 460, 499, 561, 581, 596; Art 263, 564, 565, 596 (when relevant)*; History 561, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 569, 570; Philosophy 351, 575 (when relevant)*, 596 (when relevant)*; Religious Studies 401, 403.

Appropriate social science courses are Asian Studies 331, 459, 483*, 499, 596; Anthropology 450, 452; Economics 330, 465, 496 (when relevant)*, 499 (when relevant)*; Marketing 376*; Political Science 361, 362, 499 (when relevant)*, 575*.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of twelve upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

* Additional upper division prerequisites are required for these courses.

Courses (ASIAN)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

106. Cultural Heritage of Asia (3) II

Social and cultural heritages of South, Southeast, and East Asian societies as revealed in art, drama, classical literatures, and folk traditions.

107. Social Foundations of Modern Asia (3) I, II

Social, economic, and political systems of South, Southeast, and East Asia in modern times.

296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Intended for Undergraduates)

331. Women in Asian Societies (3) I

(Same course as Women's Studies 331.)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Socio-economic status of women in Asia. Feminism and status of women in China, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and other countries. Feminist movements in Asia and women's status as affected by changing social, economic, and political orders in Asia.

458. Asian Traditions (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Six units of Asian-content courses or upper division standing, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Social, cultural, economic, and political traditions of South, Southeast, and East Asia; how they functioned in theory and practice prior to twentieth century.

459. Modern Asian Cultures (3) I, II

Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses or upper division standing, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Continuity and change in traditions and values of Asian societies in face of urbanization, modernization, and Westernization since mid-nineteenth century.

460. Contemporary Issues in Filipino-American Communities (3) I, II

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Current issues and changes in the Filipino-American communities since 1965. Topics include new Filipino immigration, socio-economic adaptation, family, culture, intergenerational gaps, labor, education, psychology, employment, race relations, community institutions, civil rights and social movements, health, business, and politics.

483. Asian Diplomacy (3)

Prerequisite: Minimum three units selected from Asian Studies 106, 107, 458, 459; History 420; Political Science 103, 362, 375, 481.

Political forces that influence foreign policies of Asian states.

496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses.

Selected topics in Asian studies. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisites: At least six units of upper division work completed toward the major or minor in Asian studies and consent of the instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

561. History of Asian Business and Trade (3) I

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor.

East and Southeast Asian commerce and trade from tenth century to present. Emphasis on nineteenth and twentieth century economic development, structure of Asian commercial networks, role of overseas Chinese, and problems of international trade.

581. Women in Modern Asian History (3) II

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 458 or 459 or an upper division course in history with Asian content.

Historical and contemporary issues of politics, power, and women in Asia from mid-eighteenth century; gender roles, traditional values, social structures, levels of consciousness, effectiveness of organizations and individual contributions of historically significant women.

596. Selected Studies in Asian Cultures (3)

Topics on various aspects of Asian studies. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum combined credit of six units of 596 and 696 applicable to a 30-unit master's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES

Refer to Bulletin of the Graduate Division.
