

# Asian Studies

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## Offered by the Department of Asia Pacific Studies

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

Three 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 Asia Pacific 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 Advising and Evaluations.

A minor is not required with this major.

**Preparation for the Major.** Asian Studies 100, 101, and three units selected from Asian Studies 261, Anthropology 102, Art 263. (9 units)

**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.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Completion of Asian Studies 360W with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

**Major.** A minimum of 33 upper division units in Asian Studies selected from Asian Studies 300, 303, 310, 330, 351, 440, 458, 459, 460, 506, 530, 531, 533, 570 or Religious Studies 338. At least six upper division units must be at the 500-level. Asian-content courses from other departments may be applied to the major with written approval of the undergraduate adviser.

## Asian Studies Minor

The minor in Asian studies consists of a minimum of 22 units to include Asian Studies 100, 101, plus four units of an appropriate Asian language, e.g., Chinese or Japanese. Twelve units must be in upper division Asian Studies courses.

Appropriate courses for the Asian Studies minor are Asian Studies 300, 303, 310, 330, 351, 440, 458, 459, 460, 506, 530, 531, 533, 570 or Religious Studies 338. At least six upper division units must be at the 500-level. Up to six units from other departments may be applied to the major with written approval of the undergraduate adviser.

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.

## Courses (ASIAN)

### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

#### ASIAN 100. State and Society in the Asia Pacific (3)

Social, political, and economic foundations of Asia Pacific societies. Emphasis on diversity of Asian cultures, their relationship with each other and within the global community. (Formerly numbered Asian Studies 107.)

#### ASIAN 101. Asian Thought and Cultures (3)

Intellectual and cultural underpinnings of East, Southeast, South, and Central Asia, from ancient to present, by means of a comparative overview of philosophies, religions, literatures, architectural design, visual and performing arts, highlighting continuing influence of tradition in contemporary Asian societies. (Formerly numbered Asian Studies 106.)

#### ASIAN 261. Economic Relations in the Asia Pacific (3)

Economic relations of the Asia Pacific, focusing primarily on period since World War II. Topics also include process of regional economic integration and linkages between economies of East and Southeast Asia and the United States.

#### ASIAN 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)

**ASIAN 300. Asia's Global Future (3)**

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

Survey of contemporary Asia Pacific region and future prospects, politically, socially, and economically, as historically grounded in cultural and philosophical roots.

**ASIAN 303. Imperialism and Nationalism in the Asia Pacific (3)**

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

Relationship between imperialism and rise of Asia Pacific nation-states in nineteenth and twentieth centuries with aim of understanding socio-political diversity of this region.

**ASIAN 310. Diasporan Communities of the Asia Pacific (3)**

Prerequisites: Asian Studies 100 or 101, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Diverse processes, economic, political, and cultural, that have shaped formation and continued growth of diasporan communities in Asia Pacific region. Historical origins and contemporary status of diasporan communities.

**ASIAN 330. Business Environment in the Asia Pacific (3)**

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 261 for majors; consent of instructor for nonmajors.

Business environment in the Asia Pacific in terms of economic, political, legal, and cultural environment. Emphasis on major economies of the region, Japan, South Korea, and China.

**ASIAN 351. Literary Horizons of Asia Pacific (3)**

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 100.

Fiction, drama, and poetry in modern East and Southeast Asia. Asian and Western influences on writing in Asia Pacific. Major writers and/or genres as they reflect contemporary Asian social and cultural values.

**ASIAN 360W. Research and Writing About the Asia Pacific (3)**

Prerequisite: Satisfies Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement for students who have completed 60 units, passed Transfer Writing Assessment or Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 8 or better or earned a C or higher in RWS 95 or 96 or 280 or 281, and completed the General Education requirement in Composition and Critical Thinking. **Proof of completion of prerequisites required:** Test scores or verification of exemption; copy of transcript.

Interdisciplinary approaches to studying and writing about the Asia Pacific. Critiquing how contemporary images of this region have been constructed and transmitted.

**ASIAN 440. New Religious Movements in the Asia Pacific (3)**

Prerequisites: Asian Studies 100 or 101, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Relationship between new religious movements and traditional forms of religious practice and expression drawn from Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam. Religious syncretism featured.

**ASIAN 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.

**ASIAN 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 midnineteenth century.

**ASIAN 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.

**ASIAN 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.

**ASIAN 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)

**ASIAN 506. War and Memory in the Asia Pacific (3)**

Historiography of the Pacific War and problems associated with historical evidence, memory, authentication, and political uses of history.

**ASIAN 530. Media and Popular Culture in the Asia Pacific (3)**

Media and popular culture in Asia as instruments of social control, agencies of emancipation, expressions of global western power, and a means through which local identities are revitalized.

**ASIAN 531. Spiritual and Intellectual Traditions in the Contemporary Asia Pacific (3)**

Major thinkers or schools of Asian thought in modern times, reflecting East/West encounters and influences of global importance. Spiritual and intellectual aspects, cultural context, social/political/economic dimensions of the thinker or school and impact beyond the original culture.

**ASIAN 533. Minorities and Human Rights in the Asia Pacific (3)**

Human rights regimes and status of minorities in parts of Asia Pacific. Examines notion of "universal rights" within and between countries of the region.

**ASIAN 570. Economic Dynamics of the Asia Pacific (3)**

Sources and causes of regional economic growth. Role of the state, national growth models, enterprise forms and trade. Financial crisis of 1997-98 and subsequent developments to assess future economic prospects for the region.

**ASIAN 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.