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Asian Studies

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In the College of Arts and Letters

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General Information

The Master of Arts degree in Asian studies is an interdisciplinary degree offered by designated faculty members in the Departments of Anthropology, Art, Business Administration, Classics and Humanities, Comparative Literature, Economics, Education, English, Geography, History, Linguistics and Oriental Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. It is administered by the Department of Asia Pacific Studies through a graduate committee consisting of the director, the graduate adviser, and representatives from the several departments.

The program is designed to offer systematic advanced training (a) for those planning to enter educational, business, government, or community service involving Asia Pacific studies; (b) for those in a specific academic discipline who have regional interest in Asia Pacific studies and wish to promote more effective understanding of the cultures, societies, peoples, and social forces at work in the Asia Pacific world; and (c) for those who plan to pursue further graduate study in Asia Pacific studies beyond the Master of Arts degree.

Admission to Graduate Study

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the University with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must present a Bachelor of Arts degree, as approved by the graduate committee of the Department of Asia Pacific Studies. A student whose preparation is deemed inadequate by the graduate committee will be required to complete specific courses in addition to the minimum of 30 units required for the degree.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the University application available at www.csumentor.edu.

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to the Graduate Adviser, Department of Asia Pacific Studies:

- (1) Two sets of official transcripts (in sealed envelopes);
- (2) GRE scores;
- (3) Letters of reference;

- (4) Personal statement;
- (5) TOEFL SCORES (as appropriate);
- (6) Writing sample of recent academic work.

Mail or deliver your complete admissions package to:

Department of Asia Pacific Studies
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-8147

Advancement to Candidacy

All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as described in Part Two of this bulletin. In addition, all students must demonstrate a reading knowledge, at least at the intermediate level, of a relevant foreign language approved by the graduate committee of the Department of Asia Pacific Studies. If Chinese or Japanese is required, the requirement may be fulfilled by completing 16 units of coursework in the particular language, the last four units with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

(Major Code: 03011)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the Master of Arts degree, as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must complete a minimum of 30 units from courses acceptable on master's degree programs, including Asian Studies 600 and 799A. The remaining 24 units to be selected, with departmental approval, from the following list of approved courses.

The total program may not include more than 12 units in 500-level courses.

Only Plan A, requiring the thesis, is offered for the Master of Arts degree in Asian studies. A final oral examination on the general field of the thesis must be passed as a requirement for the degree.

All programs will be approved by the graduate committee of the Department of Asia Pacific Studies.

Courses Acceptable on Master's Degree Program in Asian Studies (ASIAN)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

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

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 303.

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

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

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 261.

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.

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

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 101.

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.

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

Prerequisite: Asian Studies 261.

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

570. Economic Dynamics of the Asia Pacific (3)

Prerequisites: Asian Studies 100 or 261.

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

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.

Anthropology Course (ANTH)

582. Regional Anthropology (3)*

Comparative Literature Course (C LT)

530. Topics in Asian Literature (3)

Economics Courses (ECON)

561. International Trade (3)
592. International Monetary Theory and Policy (3)

Geography Courses (GEOG)

554. World Cities: Comparative Approaches to Urbanization (3)
596. Advanced Topics in Geography (1-3)*

History Courses (HIST)

563. Southeast Asia to 1800 (3)
564. Southeast Asia in the Modern World (3)
565. Revolution and Social Change in Asia (3)
566. Chinese Civilization: The Great Traditions (3)
567. China's Century of Modernization (3)
569. Japan from Classical Age to Early Modern Era (3)
570. Japan in the Modern World (3)
596. Selected Studies in History (1-4)*

Philosophy Course (PHIL)

575. A Major Philosopher (3)*

Political Science Course (POL S)

575. International Relations of the Pacific Rim (3)

Religious Studies Courses (REL S)

580. A Major Figure (3)*
581. Major Theme (3)*
583. Major Tradition (3)*

GRADUATE COURSES

Asian Studies Courses

600. Seminar in Interdisciplinary Methods (3)

Theory and practice of interdisciplinary studies. Bibliography, research tools and presentation of findings in Asia Pacific studies.

690. Seminar in Asian Studies (3)

Intensive study of an aspect of Asia Pacific studies. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

797. Research (1-3) Cr/NC/RP

Research in one of the aspects of Asia Pacific studies. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Independent study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.

Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP.

Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Thesis 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

Anthropology Course (ANTH)

600. Seminar (3)*

Economics Courses (ECON)

720. Seminar in Development and Planning (3)*
750. Seminar in Economic History and Institutions (3)*

Finance Course (FIN)

654. Seminar in International Business Finance (3)*

Geography Courses (GEOG)

701. Seminar in Development of Geographic Thought (3)*
720. Seminar in Regional Geography (3)*
740. Seminar in Human Geography (3)*

History Courses (HIST)

601. Seminar in Historical Methods (3)**
650. Directed Readings in Asian History (3)

Linguistics Course (LING)

795. Seminar in Linguistics (3)*

Management Course (MGT)

723. Seminar in International Strategic Management (3)*

Marketing Course (MKTG)

769. Seminar in International Marketing (3)*

Philosophy Course (PHIL)

696. Seminar in Selected Topics (3)*

Political Science Courses (POL S)

655. Seminar in General Comparative Political Systems (3)*
658. Seminar in Post-Communist Political Systems (3)*
661. Seminar in the Political Systems of the Developing Nations (3)*
675. Seminar in International Relations (3)*

All 797 (Research) and 798 (Special Study) courses in named departments, when relevant, are also applicable upon approval by the graduate committee.

* Acceptable when of relevant content.

** Required of all students who offer history as Department A.