

# ASIAN STUDIES

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## Degree Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

To qualify for a dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the primary graduate program in which they are enrolled. In addition, they must satisfy the degree requirements for the dual-title in Asian Studies, listed below. The requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. include Asia-related coursework, Asia-related components to the qualifying and comprehensive exams, strong all-skills proficiency in one Asian language and either two-years' college study (or equivalent) of another Asian language or else an alternative proficiency appropriate to the student's field; and the completion of an Asian Studies-related dissertation.

**Course work:** 15 credits of Asia-related coursework at the 400 or 500 level. At least 9 of these 15 credits will be from ASIA 501 and ASIA 502, and (depending on students' home department's requirements) ad hoc 597 seminars on individual topics. The remainder of the credits may come from Asian Studies or from the student's primary graduate program, as approved by the student's doctoral adviser and the Asian Studies program director of graduate studies.

**Language requirement:** Students will show strong all-skills proficiency in one Asian language and either two years' college study (or equivalent) of another Asian language or else an alternative proficiency appropriate to the student's field.

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the Asian Studies program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both the primary graduate degree program and Asian Studies. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/>), the Ph.D. committee of an Asian Studies dual-title doctoral degree student must include at least one member of the Asian Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Asian Studies, the member of the committee representing Asian Studies must be appointed as co-chair. The Asian Studies representative on the student's Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both their primary graduate program and Asian Studies. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must

be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.