

AFRICA-ASIA STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

For centuries, multiple networks and the circulation of people and goods across the maritime waters of the Indian Ocean had linked diverse spaces and communities in Africa and Asia. The cross-pollination of cultural ideas is still visible through built spaces, languages, literary works, performances, spiritual cultures, and in many everyday practices. Today many African and Asian countries are mobilizing the history of these exchanges to forge lasting partnerships through economic, educational, environmental, digital, infrastructural, and healthcare projects. This 12-credit certificate in "Africa-Asia Studies" will enable students to gain an integrated and grounded understanding of the past, present, and possible futures for African-Asian exchanges through a range of courses in humanities and social sciences. Students will learn the history of this South-South relationship and how it gained new solidarities in the postcolonial phase after the Bandung Conference in 1955. Students will study how Africa-Asia alliance redefines globalization, global networks, political capital, and also cultural connections. This certificate will also include an optional study abroad opportunity in Africa or Asia.

Program Requirements

To earn an undergraduate certificate in Africa-Asia Studies, a minimum of 12 credits is required.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
AFR 105 or AFR 110N	African Biodiversity and Conservation Introduction to Contemporary Africa	3
ASIA 100 or ASIA 100Z	What is Asia?	3
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
AFR 191	Early African History	
AFR 192	Modern African History	
AFR 202N	Women, Gender, and Feminisms in Africa	
AFR 399	Foreign Studies	
AFR 405	African Studies Methodologies	
AFR 443	Ethnic Conflict in Africa	
AFR 454	Government and Politics of Africa	
AFR 464	Extractive Industries in Africa	
AFR 497	Special Topics	
AFR 596	Individual Studies	
ANTH 408	Anthropological Demography	
ANTH 458	Ethnographic Field Methods	
ASIA 3	Introduction to the Religions of the East	
ASIA 120Y ASIA 171	South Asia: A Literary History	
ASIA 199	Foreign Studies	
ASIA 401	Technology & Society in Modern Asia	
HIST 475Y	The Making and Emergence of Modern India	

Non-Course Requirements:

- As per University policy, all credit courses for a certificate require a grade of "C" or higher and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the credits used to complete a certificate must be earned at Penn State. If a student is completing multiple certificates in African Studies, no more than one (1) course may double-count for each.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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