

ASIAN STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This is an interdisciplinary minor designed for students with special interests in the Asian area. In addition to the requirements of the student's major department, the minor consists of 21 credits selected from such disciplines as anthropology, art history, economics, geography, history, linguistics, literature, philosophy, political science, religious studies, speech, theatre arts, and appropriate Asian languages.

What is Asian Studies?

Asian Studies focuses on the history, culture, and societies of Asia. It can include the study of the languages, societies, cultures, histories, economies, and politics of the countries and peoples of Asia. This is an interdisciplinary major, with a strong disciplinary core, for students who want a basic understanding of the background and contemporary aspect of East, Southeast, or South Asia.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASIAN STUDIES (<http://asian.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/>)

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in the languages, cultures, histories, or societies of one or more of the countries of Asia.
- You are curious about other parts of the world.
- You want to think contextually about cultures, historical trends, social change, and political structures.
- You want to understand the history of the world as a group of systems and as a single system.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	21

Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
ASIA 3	Introduction to the Religions of the East	
ASIA 100	What is Asia?	
ASIA 101N	Sports in Asia	
ASIA 102	Asian Popular Culture	
ASIA 103	Introduction to Hinduism	
ASIA 104	Introduction to Buddhism	

ASIA 105	War and Memory in Asia: Twentieth Century and beyond
ASIA 106N	Asian Traditions of Health, Medicine, and the Body
ASIA 197	Special topics

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 15 credits from a departmental list, at least 6 at the 400 level; 15 independent study credits selected in consultation with adviser; additional further credits in language studies may be permitted up to 6 credits.¹

¹ Courses not on the list that deal substantially with some aspect of Asia in any discipline may also count, pending approval of an adviser. Students seeking to combine an Asian Studies minor with a major in an Asian language (such as CHNS or JAPNS) may include up to 15 credits of language study in a SECOND Asian language, but must have at least 3 courses that do not overlap with their other major(s) or minor(s) in Asian Studies or other Asian languages.

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising

814-865-2545

Use the Liberal Arts Majors and Minors web page (<https://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-students/education/majors-and-minors/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

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Career Paths

A Minor in Asian Studies can be the basis for careers in the public sector (diplomatic corps, armed forces, intelligence, etc.), international law, business, public relations, journalism, travel and hospitality, careers requiring foreign travel or living abroad in Asia, language specialist (translating, interpreting, teaching).

Careers

With a Minor in Asian Studies, you'll be prepared for a career in a wide range of industries and professions, including the public sector (diplomatic corps, armed forces, intelligence, etc.), international law, business, public relations, journalism, travel and hospitality, careers requiring foreign travel or living abroad in Asia, language specialist (translating, interpreting, teaching).

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

International Affairs programs, law, or the study of Asia in various disciplines, such as art history, literature, history, religion, philosophy, political science, and sociology.

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