

ASIAN STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The study of Asia is critical in our global age. Throughout history and in the present day, communities and countries across Asia have had an enormous influence on the world's economics, politics, culture, international relations, social movements, music, arts, entertainment, religion and more. Regardless of one's profession or discipline, understanding the past and present of this diverse region will be a key advantage in any future career.

The Asian studies major at CU Boulder offers students an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Asia, encompassing a wide variety of courses that reflect the region's astonishing diversity and complexity. Many students choose Asian studies as a second major that complements their study of such subjects as history, anthropology, international affairs, Asian languages, geography, and even business and economics. As part of the Asian studies major requirements, students will receive a thorough grounding in the history of Asia and will study an Asian language: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Sanskrit or Tibetan. Majors are also encouraged to take advantage of the numerous study abroad experiences and international internship opportunities offered through the Center for Asian Studies and CU Boulder Education Abroad. All majors complete their Asian studies degree with the Senior Capstone in Asian Studies, a cumulative learning experience that guides students in producing an original research paper or creative project that deepens their knowledge of the field and gives them a unique opportunity to explore an Asian studies-related topic of their own interest.

Upon completion of this course of study, students will have received a highly individualized and broad education in the region of Asia that equips them to better understand the region's complex history and diverse cultures, as well as its current dynamics.

Optional Program Tracks

Students have several options when majoring in Asian studies. One is the general Asian studies Bachelor of Arts degree. Alternately, if a student wishes to choose a particular area of sub-regional emphasis that will appear on their transcript, they may decide in their coursework to follow one of three available tracks:

- Korea track
- South Asia track
- Southeast Asia track
- West Asia/Middle East track

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Requirements

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below: 42 credits minimum, 18 of which must be upper division (College of Arts and Sciences minimum). Other courses not listed here, including some study abroad courses and special topics courses, may be applicable toward the Asian studies major, but they must first be approved by the Asian studies faculty advisor.

All required major courses must be passed with a C- or better and cannot be taken pass/fail. Students must have a grade point average of at least 2.000 in the major in order to graduate.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies	3
Asian Language		
Four semesters of a single Asian language:		12-20
Arabic ¹		
Chinese ²		
Farsi ²		
Hindi ¹		
Indonesian ⁴		
Japanese ²		
Korean ¹		
Nepali ⁴		
Sanskrit ³		
Tibetan ⁴		
Traditional Asian Civilizations		
Choose two introductory courses in different areas from Traditional Asian Civilizations course list (see below).		6
Modern Asian Civilizations		
Choose one course from Modern Asian Civilizations course list (see below).		3
Electives		
Upper-division courses from Electives list (see below).		15-12
Total Credit Hours		42-47

- ¹ Sequence of three years offered.
- ² Sequence of four years offered.
- ³ Available through Continuing Education.
- ⁴ One year plus study abroad/transfer credit option offered.

Traditional Asian Civilizations

Students take any two of the following introductory courses, focusing on two different civilizations: East Asia, South Asia, West Asia, or Southeast Asia (6 credits minimum, lower division).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
East Asian Civilization		
CHIN 1012	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	
HIST 1618	Introduction to Chinese History to 1644	
HIST 1708	Introduction to Japanese History	
JPNS 1012	Introduction to Japanese Civilization	
HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History	
KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization	
RLST 2620	Religions of East Asia	
South Asian Civilization		
HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations	

HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization
West Asian Civilization	
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations
ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature
ARAB 2320	The Muslim World, 600-1250
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
RLST 2202	Islam
RLST/ARAB 2320	The Muslim World, 600-1250
Southeast Asian Civilization	
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia

Modern Asian Civilizations

Students take one course (3 credits, lower division or upper division).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH (all modern Asian anthropology courses)		
ANTH 1100	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: The Tamils	
ANTH 1105	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: Tibet	
ANTH 3760	Exploring Culture and Media in Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4020	Explorations in Anthropology (Ethnography of Southeast Asia; Global Islams)	
ANTH 4180	Anthropological Perspectives: Contemporary Issues (Theory in Cultural Anthropology: Nepal and the Himalayas)	
ANTH 4505	Globalization and Transnational Culture	
ANTH 4690	Anthropology of Tibet	
ANTH 4750	Culture and Society in South Asia	
ANTH 4760	Ethnography of Southeast Asia and Indonesia	
ARTH		
ARTH 4919	Capstone Seminar: Topics in Art History (Contemporary Asian Art; China; Contemporary Art in the Middle East; Contemporary Art of the Himalayas)	
ASIA		
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia	
ASIA 3300	Sex and Gender in Asian Film and Literature	
ASIA 3900	Discovering Urban China: Tradition, Modernity, Nostalgia	
ASIA 4200	Politics of Memory and Heritage in Asia	
ASIA 4300	Open Topics in Asian Studies (Depending on topic)	
ASIA 4400	Open Topics in Asian Studies	

ASIA 4500	Urban Asia: Tradition, Modernity, Challenges
ASIA 4840	Independent Study (Depending on topic)
ECON	
ECON 4534	Chinese Economic History in Comparative Perspective
ENGL	
ENGL 4018	Literature and Globalization (Israel/Palestine)
ENGL 4287	Special Topics in Queer Literature (Multicultural and Postcolonial Literature: Post-Orientalism)
ETHN	
ETHN 3015	Asian Pacific American Communities
GEOG (all modern Asian geography courses)	
GEOG 3822	Geography of China
GEOG 3832	Geographies of South Asia
GEOG 4762	Geographies of Political Islam
GEOG 4822	Environment and Development in China
GEOG 4832	Geography of Tibet
HIST (all modern Asian history courses)	
HIST 1528	Introduction to South Asian History since 1757
HIST 1628	Introduction to Chinese History since 1644
HIST 2110	History of Early Modern Societies (Early Modern China 960-1842)
HIST 2166	The Vietnam Wars
HIST 3628	Seminar in Recent Chinese History
HIST 4020	Topics in Comparative History (British Empire India 1760-1947; Modernity in China and Japan)
HIST 4109	World War II in Asia and the Pacific
HIST 4166	The Vietnam War in Politics and Culture
HIST 4328	The Modern Middle East, 1600 to the Present
HIST 4329	Islam in the Modern World: Revivalism, Modernism, and Fundamentalism, 1800-2001
HIST/JWST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine
HIST 4538	History of Modern India
HIST 4548	Women in Modern India
HIST 4558	Buddha to Gandhi: A History of Indian Nonviolence
HIST 4618	Early Modern China: From Genghis Khan to the Opium War
HIST 4628	Modern China: Collapse of Imperial Brilliance, 1644-1949
HIST 4638	Contemporary China: Radicalism and Reform, 1949 to Present
HIST 4648	Inventing Chinese Modernity, 1800 to Present
HIST 4658	China and Islam from the 7th Century to the 20th Century
HIST 4688	Window on Modern China

HIST 4728	Modern Japanese History
HIST 4738	History of Early Modern Japan (1590-1868)
HIST 4758	The History of Postwar Japan, 1945 to Present
HUMN	
HUMN 3341	Literature and Popular Culture in Modern China
HUMN 3841	Tradition and Transgression: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation
IAFS	
IAFS 4500	The Post-Cold War World (Contemporary China - International Views; Cultural Revolution - China 1966-79; China in the Global Economy; Afghanistan and Iraq; South Asia-Conflict/Resolution)
JWST	
JWST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine
MDST	
MDST 4211	Asian Media and Culture
PSCI (all modern Asian politics courses)	
PSCI 3072	Government and Politics in Southeast Asia
PSCI 3102	South Asian Politics
PSCI 4022	Chinese Foreign Policy
PSCI 4052	Chinese Politics
PSCI 4242	Middle Eastern Politics
RLST (all modern Asian religion courses)	
RLST 3820	Topics in Religious Studies (Religion in Modern China)
RLST 4250	Topics in Buddhism
RLST 4650	Islam in the Modern World
WGST (all Asian Women's Studies courses)	
WGST 3220	Women in Islam
WGST 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East
All modern Asian literature courses	
ARAB 3230	Islamic Culture and the Iberian Peninsula
ARAB 3330	The Arabic Novel
ARAB 3350	Narrating the City: Literary Mappings of the Urban Landscape
ARAB/WGST 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East
ARAB 4250	Arabic Media
CHIN 2441	Film and the Dynamics of Chinese Culture
CHIN 3331	Culture and Literature of Late Imperial China
CHIN/HUMN 3341	Literature and Popular Culture in Modern China
CHIN 3342	Sinophone Literature in the Contemporary World
CHIN 3371	Topics in Chinese Film
CINE 2513	Major Asian Filmmakers

CINE 4023	Topics in International Cinema (Contemporary Asian Cinema)
HIND 3400	Special Topics
HIND 3441	Screening India: A History of Bollywood Cinema
HIND 3651	Living Indian Epics: The Ramayana and the Mahabharata in the Modern Political Imagination
HIND 3661	South Asian Diasporas: Imagining Home Abroad
HIND 3811	The Power of the Word: Subversive and Censored 20th Century Indo-Pakistani Literature
HIND 3831	The Many Faces of Krishna in South Asia Literature and Culture
JPNS 2441	Japanese Culture through Film and Anime
JPNS 3331	Business Japanese
JPNS 3511	From Rebellion to Calamity: Contemp Japanese Lit in Transl
JPNS 3831	The Floating World of Play and Passion: Early Modern Japanese Literature in Translation
JPNS/HUMN 3841	Tradition and Transgression: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation
JPNS 3851	Studies in Japanese Popular Culture
JPNS/LING 4050	Japanese Sociolinguistics
JPNS 4210	Contemporary Japanese 1: Current Issues
KREN 2441	Film and Korean Culture
KREN 3841	Modern Korean Literature in English Translation
KREN 3851	Studies in Korean Popular Culture

Electives

After meeting the requirements for coursework in Traditional Asian Civilization and Modern Asian Civilization (listed above), additional courses from those categories may also be taken as upper-division electives. Upper-division Asian language courses can act as electives, when approved by the Asian studies faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 1100	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: The Tamils	3
ANTH 1105	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: Tibet	3
ANTH 1170	Exploring Culture and Gender through Film	3
ANTH 4020	Explorations in Anthropology (Islam; Ethnography of Southeast Asia; Global Cultures: Islam; Global Islams)	3-6
ANTH/JWST 4050	Anthropology of Jews and Judaism (Cultures of Israel and Palestine)	3
ANTH 4180	Anthropological Perspectives: Contemporary Issues (Theory in Cultural Anthropology: Nepal and the Himalayas)	3
ANTH 4505	Globalization and Transnational Culture	3

ANTH 4690	Anthropology of Tibet	3-6	ASIA 4400	Open Topics in Asian Studies	3
ANTH 4750	Culture and Society in South Asia	3	ASIA 4448	Wars of Liberation in Southeast Asia	3
ANTH 4760	Ethnography of Southeast Asia and Indonesia	3	ASIA 4500	Urban Asia: Tradition, Modernity, Challenges	3
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations	3	ASIA 4840	Independent Study	1-3
ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature	3	ASIA 4842	Global Frontiers in Southeast Asia	3
ARAB 2320	The Muslim World, 600-1250	3	ASIA 4930	Engage Asia: Internship in Asian Studies	1-6
ARAB 3230	Islamic Culture and the Iberian Peninsula	3	CHIN 1012	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	4
ARAB 3231	In the Footsteps of Travelers: Travel Writing in Arabic Lit	3	CHIN 1051	Masterpieces of Chinese Literature in Translation	3
ARAB 3241	Art in Islamic Cultures	3	CHIN 2441	Film and the Dynamics of Chinese Culture	3
ARAB 3330	The Arabic Novel	3	CHIN/JPNS 3200	Adv Wrtg Topics on Chinese & Japanese Literature and Civilization	3
ARAB 3340	Representing Islam	3	CHIN 3311	The Dao and the World in Medieval China	3
ARAB 3350	Narrating the City: Literary Mappings of the Urban Landscape	3	CHIN/HUMN 3321	Political Thought in Ancient China	3
ARAB 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East	3	CHIN 3331	Culture and Literature of Late Imperial China	3
ARAB 4200	Advanced Readings in Arabic	3	CHIN 3334	Chinese Narrative Tradition	3
ARAB 4250	Arabic Media	3	CHIN 3341	Literature and Popular Culture in Modern China	3
ARAB 4840	Independent Study	1-3	CHIN 3342	Sinophone Literature in the Contemporary World	3
ARTH 2409	Intro to Asian Art	3	CHIN 3351	Reality and Dream in Traditional Chinese Literature	3
ARTH 3619	The Arts of China	3	CHIN 3361	Women and the Supernatural in Chinese Literature	3
ARTH 3241	Art in Islamic Cultures	3	CHIN 3371	Topics in Chinese Film	3
ARTH 3629	The Arts of Japan	3	CHIN 4210	Introduction to Classical Chinese	3
ARTH 3929	Special Topics in Art History (Asian Art: Gods, Kings and Power; Art in Asian Religions)	1-3	CHIN 4220	Readings in Classical Chinese	3
ARTH/CLAS 4169	Topics in Ancient and Classical Art and Archaeology (Persian Empire)	3	CHIN 4300	Open Topics: Readings in Chinese Literature	3
ARTH/CLAS 4269	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East	3	CHIN 4750	Daoism	3
ARTH 4449	Arts of India and Southeast Asia	3	CHIN 4900	Independent Study	1-3
ARTH 4919	Capstone Seminar: Topics in Art History (Contemporary Asian Art; China!; Contemporary Art in the Middle East; Contemporary Art of the Himalayas)	3	CHIN 4980	Practical Issues in Chinese Language Pedagogy	1
ARTH 4929	Special Topics in Art History (Art of Buddhism; Art of the Himalayas/Tibet; Politics/Propaganda Asian Art)	1-3	CINE 2513	Major Asian Filmmakers	3
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia	3	CINE 4023	Topics in International Cinema (Contemporary Asian Cinema)	3
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization	3	CLAS 4169	Topics in Ancient and Classical Art and Archaeology (Persian Empire)	3
ASIA 2852	Contemporary Southeast Asia: Environmental Politics	3	CLAS 4269	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East	3
ASIA 3300	Sex and Gender in Asian Film and Literature	3	ECON 4534	Chinese Economic History in Comparative Perspective	3
ASIA 3900	Discovering Urban China: Tradition, Modernity, Nostalgia	3	EDUC 4800	Special Topics (Asia)	1-9
ASIA 4001	Advanced Language Co-Seminar Arts and Humanities	1	EMUS 1467	World Music Ensemble (Japanese; Gamelan)	1
ASIA 4002	Advanced Language Co-Seminar Social Sciences	1	EMUS 3467	World Music Ensemble (Japanese; Gamelan)	1
ASIA 4200	Politics of Memory and Heritage in Asia	3	ENES 3750	Xi'an, China: Self-Awareness and Images of the Other	3
ASIA 4300	Open Topics in Asian Studies	3	ENES 3843	Special Topics (China through the Eyes of the West)	1-3

ENGL 4018	Literature and Globalization (Israel/Palestine)	3	HIST 2220	History of War and Society (Warfare and Culture in South Asia; Militarism in Japanese History; Korea through Wars)	3
ENGL 4287	Special Topics in Queer Literature (Post-orientalism)	3	HIST 2629	China in World History	3
ENVD 4364	Special Topics: History and Historiography of Environmental Design (Topic: Dushanbe Teahouse Restoration)	1-6	HIST 3109	Seminar in Asian History	3
ETHN 3015	Asian Pacific American Communities	3	HIST 3328	Seminar in Middle Eastern History	3
ETHN 3105	Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (Bruce Lee and Transpacific)	3	HIST 3628	Seminar in Recent Chinese History	3
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization	3	HIST 3718	Seminar in Japanese History	3
FRSI 4900	Independent Study	1-4	HIST 4020	Topics in Comparative History (British Empire India 1760-1947; Modernity in China and Japan)	3
GEOG 3822	Geography of China	3	HIST 4109	World War II in Asia and the Pacific	3
GEOG 3832	Geographies of South Asia	3	HIST 4166	The Vietnam War in Politics and Culture	3
GEOG 4762	Geographies of Political Islam	3	HIST 4328	The Modern Middle East, 1600 to the Present	3
GEOG 4742	Topics in Environment and Society (Depending on topic)	3	HIST 4329	Islam in the Modern World: Revivalism, Modernism, and Fundamentalism, 1800-2001	3
GEOG 4822	Environment and Development in China	3	HIST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine	3
GEOG 4832	Geography of Tibet	3	HIST 4339	Borderlands of the British Empire	3
GEOG 4842	Global Frontiers in Southeast Asia	3	HIST/JWST 4348	Topics in Jewish History (Tel Aviv—Urban History and Culture; Jews Under Islam)	3
HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations	3	HIST 4349	Decolonization of the British Empire	3
HIND 3400	Special Topics	3	HIST 4359	The Global History of Modern Arabia	3
HIND 3441	Screening India: A History of Bollywood Cinema	3	HIST/JWST 4378	History of Modern Jewish-Muslim Relations	3
HIND 3651	Living Indian Epics: The Ramayana and the Mahabharata in the Modern Political Imagination	3	HIST 4528	Islam in South and Southeast Asia (1000 to the Present)	3
HIND 3661	South Asian Diasporas: Imagining Home Abroad	3	HIST 4538	History of Modern India	3
HIND 3811	The Power of the Word: Subversive and Censored 20th Century Indo-Pakistani Literature	3	HIST 4548	Women in Modern India	3
HIND 3831	The Many Faces of Krishna in South Asia Literature and Culture	3	HIST 4558	Buddha to Gandhi: A History of Indian Nonviolence	3
HIND 3851	Devotional Literature in South Asia	3	HIST 4618	Early Modern China: From Genghis Khan to the Opium War	3
HIND 4900	Independent Study	1-3	HIST/WGST 4619	Women in East Asian History	3
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	3	HIST 4628	Modern China: Collapse of Imperial Brilliance, 1644-1949	3
HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History	3	HIST 4638	Contemporary China: Radicalism and Reform, 1949 to Present	3
HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757	3	HIST 4648	Inventing Chinese Modernity, 1800 to Present	3
HIST 1528	Introduction to South Asian History since 1757	3	HIST 4658	China and Islam from the 7th Century to the 20th Century	3
HIST 1618	Introduction to Chinese History to 1644	3	HIST 4688	Window on Modern China	3
HIST 1628	Introduction to Chinese History since 1644	3	HIST 4718	Ancient, Classical, and Medieval Japanese History	3
HIST 1708	Introduction to Japanese History	3	HIST 4728	Modern Japanese History	3
HIST 1800	Introduction to Global History (Maritime Asia 1500-1800)	3	HIST 4738	History of Early Modern Japan (1590-1868)	3
HIST/JWST 1818	Jewish History to 1492	3	HIST 4758	The History of Postwar Japan, 1945 to Present	3
HIST 1828	Jewish History Since 1492	3	HIST 4808	Special Topics in World Areas History (Chinese and Japanese Modernity)	3
HIST 2110	History of Early Modern Societies (Early Modern China 960-1842)	3	HUMN 3093	Topics in Humanities (Representing Islam; The Arabic Novel; Narrating the City)	3
HIST 2166	The Vietnam Wars	3			

HUMN 3321	Political Thought in Ancient China	3	JPNS 3851	Studies in Japanese Popular Culture	3
HUMN 3341	Literature and Popular Culture in Modern China	3	JPNS 3861	Imagining the Samurai in Japanese Literature and Culture	3
HUMN 3811	Love, Death, and Desire: Classical Japanese Literature in Translation	3	JPNS 3871	Horror and the Macabre in Japanese Literature, Film, Culture	3
HUMN 3841	Tradition and Transgression: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation	3	JPNS 3881	Environment, Nature and Disaster in Japanese Literature and Culture	3
HUMN 3850	The Mediterranean: Religion Before Modernity	3	JPNS 3891	Travel/Travel Writing in Japanese Literature and Culture	3
HUMN 4100	Writing the World in Traditional China	3	JPNS 4050	Japanese Sociolinguistics	3
IAFS 3000	Special Topics in International Affairs (Political Economy/Middle East; Turkey —Mediator/Arab Spring; Gender, Geopolitics and Islam)	3	JPNS 4070	Second Language Acquisition of Japanese	3
IAFS 3010	Islam, Geopolitics and Society: Gender, Identity and Place	3	JPNS 4080	Kanji in Japanese Orthography	3
IAFS 3520/ JWST 4302	Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel	6	JPNS 4150	Japanese to English Translation: Theory and Practice	3
IAFS/JWST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul	3	JPNS 4210	Contemporary Japanese 1: Current Issues	3
IAFS/JWST 3650	History of Arab-Israeli Conflict	3	JPNS 4300	Open Topics: Readings in Japanese	3
IAFS 4500	The Post-Cold War World (Contemporary China/International Views; Cultural Revolution/China 1966-79; China and the Global Economy; Afghanistan and Iraq; South Asia/Conflict/Resolution; Arab Awakening)	3	JPNS 4310	Classical Japanese 1	3
INBU 3300	International Business and Management	3	JPNS 4320	Classical Japanese 2	3
INBU 3301	Doing Business in China	3	JPNS 4400	Critical Theory and Japanese Literature and Culture	3
INBU 4151	International Operations in Hong Kong	3	JPNS 4900	Independent Study	1-3
INBU 4200	International Financial Management	3	JPNS 4980	Practical Issues in Japanese Language Pedagogy	1
JPNS 1012	Introduction to Japanese Civilization	4	JWST 1818	Jewish History to 1492	3
JPNS 1051	Masterpieces of Japanese Literature in Translation	3	JWST/RLST 2600	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions	3
JPNS 2441	Japanese Culture through Film and Anime	3	JWST/RLST 3100	Judaism	3
JPNS 2811	Heroes and the Supernatural: Word and Image in Old Japan	3	JWST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul	3
JPNS 3200	Adv Wrtg Topics on Chinese & Japanese Literature and Civilization	3	JWST 4050	Anthropology of Jews and Judaism (Cultures of Israel and Palestine)	3
JPNS 3311	Japanese Colonial and Transnational Literature	3	JWST 4302	Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel	6
JPNS 3321	Fantasy and Sci-Fi in Japanese Literature, Film and Culture	3	JWST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine	3
JPNS 3331	Business Japanese	3	JWST 4378	History of Modern Jewish-Muslim Relations	3
JPNS 3511	From Rebellion to Calamity: Contemp Japanese Lit in Transl	3	KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization	3
JPNS/HUMN 3811	Love, Death, and Desire: Classical Japanese Literature in Translation	3	KREN 2441	Film and Korean Culture	3
JPNS 3821	Monsters, Monks, and Mayhem: Medieval Japanese Literature in Translation	3	KREN 3841	Modern Korean Literature in English Translation	3
JPNS 3831	The Floating World of Play and Passion: Early Modern Japanese Literature in Translation	3	KREN 4900	Independent Study	1-6
JPNS 3841	Tradition and Transgression: Modern Japanese Literature in Translation	3	MDST 4211	Asian Media and Culture	3
			MDST 4341	International Media and Global Crises	3
			MUEL 2772	World Musics: Asia and Oceania	3
			MUSC 2772	World Musics: Asia and Oceania	3
			MUSC 4152	East Asian Music	3
			PHIL 1600	Philosophy and Religion	3
			PHIL 3800	Open Topics in Philosophy (Buddhism as Philosophy)	3
			PSCI 3072	Government and Politics in Southeast Asia	3
			PSCI 3102	South Asian Politics	3
			PSCI 4022	Chinese Foreign Policy	3

PSCI 4028	Special Topics (Politics of Southeast Asia)	3
PSCI 4028	Special Topics (Middle East Politics)	3
PSCI 4052	Chinese Politics	3
PSCI 4242	Middle Eastern Politics	3
PSCI 4243	Modern Warfare: Terrorism, Ideology, Identity	3
RLST 2202	Islam	3
RLST 2320	The Muslim World, 600-1250	3
RLST 2600	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions	3
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions	3
RLST 2612	Yoga: Ancient and Modern	3
RLST 2620	Religions of East Asia	3
RLST 3040	The Quran	3
RLST 3060	Fundamentalism and Islam	3
RLST 3070	Islamic Mysticism: Ibn Arabi, Rumi, and the Sufi Tradition	3
RLST 3100	Judaism	3
RLST 3200	Yoga, Castes and Magic: Hindu Society and Spirituality	3
RLST 3300	Foundations of Buddhism	3
RLST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul	3
RLST 3550	Tibetan Buddhism	3
RLST/WGST 3750	Women in Buddhism	3
RLST 3800	Chinese Religions	3
RLST 3820	Topics in Religious Studies (Tibetan Buddhism; Religion in Modern China; Islam, Politics and Militancy; Art in Asian Religions)	3
RLST 4200	Topics in Hinduism	3
RLST 4250	Topics in Buddhism (Buddhist Literature in Tibet; Transnational Buddhism; Buddhist Ethics; Buddhist Ethics; Buddhist Philosophy; Buddhism and Society; Buddhist Esotericism)	3
RLST 4260	Topics in Judaism (Bible in Judaism/ Christianity)	3
RLST 4280	Body and Magic in India	3
RLST 4650	Islam in the Modern World	3
RLST 4750	Daoism	3
RLST 4780	New Religions of East Asia	3
SOCY 3046	Topics in Sex and Gender (Sex, Gender, and Social Change in Southeast Asia)	3
WGST 2600	Gender, Race, and Class in a Global Context	3
WGST 3012	Gender and Development	3
WGST 3201	Women, Gender & Sexuality in Jewish Texts & Traditions	3
WGST 3220	Women in Islam	3
WGST 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East	3
WGST 3500	Global Gender Issues	3

WGST 3750	Women in Buddhism	3
WGST 4619	Women in East Asian History	3

Program Tracks

Korea Track

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required major courses listed below: 42 credit hours minimum, 18 of which must be upper-division (College of Arts and Sciences minimum). Other courses not listed here, including some study abroad courses and special topics courses, may be applicable toward the Asian Studies major, but must first be approved by the Asian Studies Faculty Advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Required Courses

ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies (The Senior Thesis/Project should focus on a Korean topic.)	3

Asian Language

4 semesters of Korean language (20 credit hours). Additional semesters can count as Asian Studies Electives. 20

Traditional Asian Civilizations

Students take two introductory courses, one on Korea and one on South, West, or Southeast Asia; 6 credits minimum, lower division. 6

Korean Civilization

HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History
KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization

West, South, or Southeast Asian Civilization

West Asian Civilization	
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations
ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
RLST 2202	Islam

South Asian Civilization	
HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization
HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions
Southeast Asian Civilization	
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia

Modern Asian Civilizations

Students take one course; 3 credit hours, lower division or upper division. 3

Electives

Students take 12-15 upper-division credit hours, 6 credit hours of which focus on Korea. 15-12

Courses with a Korean focus

KREN 3110	Advanced Korean 1
KREN 3120	Advanced Korean 2
KREN 3841	Modern Korean Literature in English Translation
KREN 3851	Studies in Korean Popular Culture

Total Credit Hours **50-47**

South Asia Track

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below: 42 credit hours minimum, 18 of which must be upper-division (College of Arts and Sciences minimum). Other courses not listed here, including some study abroad courses and special topics courses, may be applicable toward the Asian Studies major, but must first be approved by the Asian Studies Faculty Advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Required Courses

ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies (The Senior Thesis/Project should focus on a South Asian topic.)	3

Asian Language

4 semesters of a single South Asian language (12-20 credit hours). Additional semesters can count as Asian Studies Electives.

Hindi (sequence of three years offered)
Sanskrit (available through Continuing Education)
Tibetan and Nepali (offered for one year, plus study abroad and transfer credit options)

Traditional Asian Civilizations

Students take two introductory courses, one on South Asia and one on West, East, or Southeast Asia; 6 credits minimum, lower division. **6**

South Asian Civilization

HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization
HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions

East, West, or Southeast Asian Civilization

West Asian Civilization	
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations
ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History
RLST 2202	Islam
East Asian Civilization	
CHIN 1012	Introduction to Chinese Civilization
HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History

HIST 1618	Introduction to Chinese History to 1644
HIST 1708	Introduction to Japanese History
JPNS 1012	Introduction to Japanese Civilization
KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization
RLST 2620	Religions of East Asia
Southeast Asian Civilization	
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia

Modern Asian Civilizations

Students take one course; 3 credit hours, lower division or upper division. **3**

Electives

Students take 12-15 upper-division credit hours, 6 credit hours of which must focus on South Asia. **15-12**

Courses with a South Asian Focus

ANTH 4690	Anthropology of Tibet
ANTH 4750	Culture and Society in South Asia
GEOG 3832	Geographies of South Asia
GEOG 4832	Geography of Tibet
HIST 4339	Borderlands of the British Empire
HIST 4349	Decolonization of the British Empire
HIST 4528	Islam in South and Southeast Asia (1000 to the Present)
HIST 4538	History of Modern India
HIST 4548	Women in Modern India
HIST 4558	Buddha to Gandhi: A History of Indian Nonviolence
IAFS 4500	The Post-Cold War World (South Asia)
PSCI 3102	South Asian Politics
RLST 3200	Yoga, Castes and Magic: Hindu Society and Spirituality
HIND 3110	Advanced Hindi 1
HIND 3120	Advanced Hindi 2
HIND 3400	Special Topics
HIND 3441	Screening India: A History of Bollywood Cinema
HIND 3651	Living Indian Epics: The Ramayana and the Mahabharata in the Modern Political Imagination
HIND 3661	South Asian Diasporas: Imagining Home Abroad
HIND 3811	The Power of the Word: Subversive and Censored 20th Century Indo-Pakistani Literature
HIND 3831	The Many Faces of Krishna in South Asia Literature and Culture
HIND 3851	Devotional Literature in South Asia
RLST 3300	Foundations of Buddhism
RLST 3820	Topics in Religious Studies (Tibetan Buddhism)
RLST 4200	Topics in Hinduism
WGST 3750	Women in Buddhism

Total Credit Hours **42-47**

Southeast Asia Track

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below: 42 credit hours minimum, 18 of which must be upper-division (College of Arts and Sciences minimum). Other courses not listed here, including some study abroad courses and special topics courses, may be applicable toward the Asian Studies major, but must first be approved by the Asian Studies Faculty Advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies (The Senior Thesis/Project should focus on a South Asian topic.)	3
<i>Asian Language</i>		
4 semesters of Indonesian language (12 credit hours)		12
<i>Traditional Asian Civilizations</i>		
Students take two introductory courses, one on Southeast Asia and one on South, West, or East Asia.; 6 credits minimum, lower division.		6
<i>Southeast Asian Civilization (required)</i>		
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia	
<i>West Asian Civilization</i>		
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations	
ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature	
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization	
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
RLST 2202	Islam	
<i>South Asian Civilization</i>		
HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations	
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization	
HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757	
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions	
<i>East Asian Civilization</i>		
CHIN 1012	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	
HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History	
HIST 1618	Introduction to Chinese History to 1644	
HIST 1708	Introduction to Japanese History	
JPNS 1012	Introduction to Japanese Civilization	
KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization	
RLST 2620	Religions of East Asia	
<i>Modern Asian Civilizations</i>		
Students take one of the following courses on Southeast Asia.		3
ANTH 3760	Exploring Culture and Media in Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4760	Ethnography of Southeast Asia and Indonesia	

ARTH 4919	Capstone Seminar: Topics in Art History (Southeast Asia)
ASIA/GEOG 2852	Contemporary Southeast Asia: Environmental Politics
ASIA 4200	Politics of Memory and Heritage in Asia
ASIA/HIST 4448	Wars of Liberation in Southeast Asia
ASIA 4500	Urban Asia: Tradition, Modernity, Challenges
ENVS 4100	Special Topics in Environmental Studies (Env Gov Mekong Delta, Vietnam)
GEOG 4842	Global Frontiers in Southeast Asia
HIST 2166	The Vietnam Wars
HIST 4528	Islam in South and Southeast Asia (1000 to the Present)
PSCI 3072	Government and Politics in Southeast Asia
SOCY 3046	Topics in Sex and Gender (Sex, Gender, and Social Change in Southeast Asia)
<i>Major Electives</i>	
Students take 15 additional upper-division credit hours, 3 credit hours of which focus on Southeast Asia (3 credit hours can be lower-division if Modern Asian Civilization filled by an upper-division course)	15
See main catalog entry for the Asian Studies major for a full list of Asian Studies Major Electives.	
Total Credit Hours	42

West Asia/Middle East Track

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below: 42 credit hours minimum, 18 of which must be upper-division (College of Arts and Sciences minimum). Other courses not listed here, including some study abroad courses and special topics courses, may be applicable toward the Asian Studies major, but must first be approved by the Asian Studies Faculty Advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies (The Senior Thesis/Project should focus on a West Asian topic.)	3
<i>Asian Language</i>		
4 semesters of a single West Asian language (14-20 credit hours). Additional semesters can count as Asian Studies Electives.		14-20
Arabic (sequence of three years offered)		
Farsi (sequence of three years offered)		
<i>Traditional Asian Civilizations</i>		
Students take two introductory courses, one on West Asia and one on South, East, or Southeast Asia; 6 credits minimum, lower division.		6
<i>West Asian Civilization</i>		
ARAB 1011	Introduction to Arab and Islamic Civilizations	

ARAB 2231	Love, Loss and Longing in Classical Arabic Literature	
FRSI 1011	Introduction to Persian Civilization	
HIST 1308	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	
RLST 2202	Islam	
East, South, or Southeast Asian Civilization		
East Asian Civilization		
CHIN 1012	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	
HIST 1438	Introduction to Korean History	
HIST 1618	Introduction to Chinese History to 1644	
HIST 1708	Introduction to Japanese History	
JPNS 1012	Introduction to Japanese Civilization	
KREN 1011	Introduction to Korean Civilization	
RLST 2620	Religions of East Asia	
South Asian Civilization		
HIND 1011	Introduction to South Asian Civilizations	
ASIA 1700	Introduction to Tibetan Civilization	
HIST 1518	Introduction to South Asian History to 1757	
RLST 2610	Happiness and Nirvana: Enlightenment in Indian Religions	
Southeast Asian Civilization		
ASIA 1000	Origins of Contemporary Southeast Asia	
<i>Modern Asian Civilizations</i>		
Students take one course; 3 credit hours, lower division or upper division.		3
<i>Electives</i>		
Students take 15-12 upper-division credit hours, 6 credit hours of which must focus on West Asia.		15-12
Courses with a West Asian Focus		
ARAB 3110	Advanced Arabic 1	
ARAB 3120	Advanced Arabic 2	
ARAB 3220	Arabian Nights, Arabian Days: Popular Literature in the Arab World and Beyond	
ARAB 3221	The Making of Middle Eastern Identities: Arabs and Their "Others"	
ARAB 3230	Islamic Culture and the Iberian Peninsula	
ARAB 3231	In the Footsteps of Travelers: Travel Writing in Arabic Lit	
ARAB 3241	Art in Islamic Cultures	
ARAB 3330	The Arabic Novel	
ARAB 3331	Arabic Poetry	
ARAB 3340	Representing Islam	
ARAB 3350	Narrating the City: Literary Mappings of the Urban Landscape	
ARAB 3360	Tradition, Authenticity, and Reform in Islam	
ARAB 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East	
ARAB 4200	Advanced Readings in Arabic	
ARAB 4250	Arabic Media	
ARTH 4269	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East	

GEOG 4742	Topics in Environment and Society (Geographies of Contemporary Muslim Societies: Islam, Biopolitics, and the Postcolonial)	
GEOG 4762	Geographies of Political Islam	
HIST 3328	Seminar in Middle Eastern History	
HIST 4328	The Modern Middle East, 1600 to the Present	
HIST 4329	Islam in the Modern World: Revivalism, Modernism, and Fundamentalism, 1800-2001	
HIST/JWST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine	
HIST/JWST 4378	History of Modern Jewish-Muslim Relations	
HUMN 3850	The Mediterranean: Religion Before Modernity	
IAFS/JWST 3650	History of Arab-Israeli Conflict	
IAFS 4500	The Post-Cold War World (Afghanistan and Iraq)	
JWST/IAFS/RLST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul	
JWST 4302/IAFS 3520	Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel	
PSCI 4242	Middle Eastern Politics	
RLST 2202	Islam	
RLST 2600	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions	
RLST 3100	Judaism	

Total Credit Hours **44-47**

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

Through the required coursework for the major, students will complete all 12 credits of the Arts & Humanities area and some of the credits in the Social Sciences area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement and the Global Perspective component of the Gen Ed Diversity Requirement. Depending on elective courses selected within the major, students can potentially also complete the Social Sciences area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement.

Year One

Fall Semester	Credit Hours
Traditional Asian Civilization - Major course	3
1st Semester Single Asian Language (example: 1010)	5
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)	3
Elective/MAPS	3
Credit Hours	14

Spring Semester

Traditional Asian Civilization - Major course	3
2nd Semester Single Asian Language (example: 1020)	5
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)	3
Elective/MAPS	3
Credit Hours	14

Year Two**Fall Semester**

ASIA 2000	Gateway to Modern Asia: Exploring Regional Connections	3
3rd Semester Single Asian Language (ex: 2110)		5
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective/MAPS		3
Credit Hours		17

Spring Semester

Modern Asian Civilization - Major course (Upper Division)		3
4th Semester Single Asian Language (ex: 2120)		5
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with lab)		4
Gen. Ed. Distribution (example: Social Sciences)		3
Credit Hours		15

Year Three**Fall Semester**

ASIA Elective (Upper Division)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Spring Semester

ASIA Elective (Upper Division)		3
Gen Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-Division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Year Four**Fall Semester**

ASIA Elective (Upper Division)		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Spring Semester

ASIA 4830	Senior Seminar in Asian Studies	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example Social Sciences)		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Upper-Division Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Total Credit Hours **120**

- Develop a rich understanding of Asia as a complex and diverse region of critical importance in historical and contemporary geopolitics.
- Learn *from* Asia through self-critical and respectful, curiosity-based intellectual inquiry (rather than treating it as an object of knowledge), thus gaining a broader, more nuanced understanding of the region and its communities in both the past and present.
- Comprehend the diverse challenges and opportunities facing various Asian countries today, as well as the complexities of the historical factors and events that contributed to these current dynamics.
- Acquire an interdisciplinary approach to a range key issues by learning how these would be viewed, studied and discussed differently by historians, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers, artists and others.
- Gain practical knowledge through hands-on, student-driven research projects, internships in Asia and in Boulder, and study abroad programs in Asia.
- Become skilled critical readers and thinkers, as well as better communicators with the skills to analyze and to communicate complex ideas in a clear, coherent manner.
- Have a basic level of familiarity with an Asian language.
- Grasp the pivotal importance Asia has to life in the U.S. in the 21st century.
- Appreciate the vast diversity within Asia and connections across countries and regions within Asia.
- Have the necessary skill sets and cultural competency to be able to work in Asia and in Asia-related careers such as media, journalism, technology, foreign service, the military, development and education.

Learning Outcomes

With an undergraduate degree in Asian Studies, students will: