

Asian Studies

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Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

The B.A. degree in Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws on faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and other professional schools at FIU. The courses are coordinated by Asian Studies, which also sponsors workshops, lectures, cultural events, and study abroad programs.

Like the certificate program in Asian Studies, the bachelor's program provides students with a rich learning experience about a fascinating and increasingly important region of the world, and is intended to enhance the student's competitiveness upon graduation. The program provides a multidisciplinary approach covering the philosophy, religion, art history, language and literature of Asia as well as issues in history, politics, geography, sociology/anthropology, and international relations.

The B.A. has three tracks: **International Political Economy of Asia**, emphasizes social scientific studies involving economics, international relations, politics, and sociology; **Asian Cultural Studies**, emphasizes the humanities and arts disciplinary approaches; and **East Asian Studies** emphasizes advanced language studies by requiring six semesters of Chinese, Japanese, or other Asian language, which may be done with (a) six semesters in one Asian language, or (b) four semesters in one Asian language and two semesters in another Asian language (only 6 credits will be counted from the second language).

For further information please contact the Asian Studies office, located at SIPA 505, at asian@fiu.edu or at (305) 348-1914. Also, visit our website at <http://asian.fiu.edu>.

Lower Division Preparation

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements, completed 60 semester hours, and be otherwise acceptable into the program.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
None	None ¹

¹All Florida College System students are encouraged to complete the Associate in Arts degree.

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community

College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://www.flvc.org>. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Upper Division Program

The Major requires 36 hours of upper division course work. It is designed to allow students to focus on Asian political economy or culture or East Asian languages.

Common Requirements (all tracks)

Language Requirements (6 credits)

Four Semesters of Chinese, Japanese, or other Asian Language.

Core Courses: (30 credits)

1. ASN 3410 – Intro to East Asia (3 credits)
2. 18 credits from the Asian Studies course list (9 credits in International Political Economy and 9 credits in Asian Cultural Studies).
3. 6 credits in main concentration. For International Political Economy and Asian Cultural Studies track this could include area studies and/or language courses; and for the East Asian Studies track this must be a third year in the first Asian language or one year in a second Asian language
4. 3 credits in a supervised research course (ASN 4510 or ASN 4390).
5. Students may receive credits through a Study Abroad courses or an Internship program

International Political Economy of Asia Track

Electives:

CHI 3440	Chinese for Business
CPO 3502	Politics of the Far East
CPO 3643	Russian Politics
CPO 4401	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
CPO 4507	Comparative Political Economy of Asia
CPO 4541	Politics of China
CPO 4553	Government Politics of Japan
ECO 4701	World Economy
ECO 4703	International Trade Theory and Policy
ECS 3003	Comparative Economic Systems
ECS 3200	Economics of Asia
ECS 3704	International Economics
FIN 3652	Asian Financial Markets and Institutions
GEA 3554	Geography Russia/Central Eurasia
GEA 3635	Population and Geog. Middle East
GEA 3705	Geography of Central Asia and the Caucasus
INR 3081	Contemporary International Problems
INR 3223	Japan and the US
INR 3224	International Relations of East Asia
INR 3226	International Relations of Central Asia and the Caucasus
INR 3227	International Relations of South Asia
INR 3262	International Relations of Russia and the Former USSR
INR 3274	International Relation of the Middle East
INR 3703	International Political Economy
INR 4032	Asia and Latin America in World Affairs
INR 4082	Islam in International Relations

INR 4232	International Relations of China
INR 4521	Politics of Regional Integration
INR 4931	Topics in International Relations
ISS 3240	World Prospect and Issues
JPN 3140	Japanese for Business
LBS 4653	Labor Movements in Developing Countries
LBS 4654	Comp and International Labor Studies
MAN 4600	International Management
MAN 4661	Business in Asia
MAR 4156	International Marketing
SYD 3650	Sociology of Gender and Power in Asia
SYD 4610	Sociology of Middle East
SYO 4550	Comparative Sociology
SYP 3456	Societies in the World
SYP 4454	Globalization and Society

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Asian Cultural Studies Track Electives:

AMH 4544	The United States and the Vietnam War
AML 4930	American Writers and the Orient
ANT 3241	Myth-Ritual-Mysticism
ARC 4754	Asian and African Architecture
ARH 4552	Art of China and Japan
ASH 3440	History of Japan
ASH 4300	East Asian Civilization and Culture
ASH 4404	History of Modern China
ASN 3403	Zen and the Art of Tea Ceremony
ASN 3410	Intro to East Asia
ASN 4404	Zen and the Art of Tea Ceremony II
COM 3410	Cultural Communication-Patterns of Asia
DAN 4136	Global Perspectives in Dance and Culture I
DAN 4137	Global Perspectives in Dance and Culture II
EDF 4954	Art Education Abroad in China
EVR 3402	Asian Environmental Issues
JPN 3500	Japanese Culture and Society
JPN 4930	Special Topics in Japanese
JPT 3521	Japanese Literature and Cinema
LIN 4624	Bilingualism and Language Policy
MUH 3514	Music of the World
MUH 3570	Survey of Asian Music
PEM 4401	Comp Analysis of Japanese Martial Arts
PET 3403	Intro to Martial Arts
PHH 3810	Philosophy of Buddhism
PHH 3840	Indian Philosophy
PHI 3762	Eastern Philosophy and Religious Thought
PHP 3840	Chinese and Japanese Philosophy
REL 3027	Meditation and Mystical Traditions
REL 3028	Sacred Places, Sacred Travels
REL 3123	Asian Religions in the Americas
REL 3145	Women and Religion
REL 3310	Intro to Asian Religions
REL 3313	Sources of Modern Asian Society
REL 3314	Religions of the Silk Road
REL 3330	Religions of India
REL 3340	Survey of Buddhism
REL 3399	The Art of Yoga and Meditation
REL 4311	Religious Classics of Asia
REL 4312	Jews of Asia

REL 4345	Zen Buddhism
REL 4351	Religion and Japanese Culture
SPW 4133	Eastern Thought and L.A. Literature: Octavio Paz
SPW 4470	Eastern Cultures and Travel Writing in Spanish Literature

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East Asian Studies Track Electives:

CHI 1130	Chinese I
CHI 1131	Chinese II
CHI 2200	Intermediate Chinese
CHI 2201	Intermediate Chinese II
CHI 3440	Business Chinese
JPN 1130	Japanese I
JPN 1131	Japanese II
JPN 2200	Intermediate Japanese I
JPN 2201	Intermediate Japanese II
JPN 3140	Japanese for Business
JPN 3400	Advanced Japanese I
JPN 3401	Advanced Japanese II
JPN 3420	Japanese Through Technology
JPW 4130	Reading Japanese Literature
JPW 4131	Reading Japanese Non-Fiction

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Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies with Honors

The Honors track is designed for promising students who possess a strong desire for intellectual challenge and growth that focuses on their interest in Asia. The Honors track provides students with a more in-depth foundation in the traditional cultures and modern socio-economic societies of Asia; and further prepares them for advanced studies as well as for careers in the public and private sectors.

Requirements

- To earn a B.A. with honors in Asian Studies, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA in Asian Studies courses.
- Candidates for the B.A. with honors in Asian Studies will complete the same requirements as the B.A. major with one exception. In addition to the 18 semester hours on the concentration of choice (i.e. international political economy of Asia, Asian cultural studies, or East Asian studies), students will take 3 additional semester hours of "Honors Thesis" (ASN 4970), during which the thesis or honors paper will be proposed, researched, written and defended orally.
- In the semester prior to graduation, the student will enroll in "Honors Thesis" (ASN 4970) in which he or she will expand a term paper into an honors paper/thesis or will begin a thesis anew under the direction of an appropriate member of the Asian Studies or affiliated faculty.
- When the thesis is approved by the faculty member, the coordinator of ASN 4911 will organize and schedule a defense of the honors paper/thesis, at which he or she will present the research and will respond to questions from faculty and students. This

requirement will be deemed to have been met upon a majority positive vote of faculty.

- e. The honors paper/thesis normally would be approximately 25-30 pages, must be presented according to FIU regulations (available in the department office), and will be deposited in the FIU library. The honors paper/thesis must demonstrate that the student has mastered skills in defining a topic, research and expository writing, as well as oral skills required for presentation and defense of the honors paper/thesis.

Combined BA/MA in Asian Studies

The combined BA/MA degree program allows highly qualified undergraduate students to pursue an accelerated MA degree in Asian Studies. Students accepted into this program will be able to complete the MA degree as early as one year sooner than would otherwise be possible. Students accepted into the Asian Studies Honors track are particularly encouraged to apply for this program.

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

A complete application requires:

- Current enrollment in BA program in Asian Studies at FIU
- Completion of 90 credits of undergraduate coursework
- GRE scores
- Overall GPA of 3.2
- One letter of recommendation
- Statement of purpose discussing interests in the field

Students should consult the graduate catalog and the Asian Studies website for a more comprehensive discussion of admission requirements (<http://asian.fiu.edu>).

The program gives students the opportunity to take up to 9 credits of graduate coursework in the second semester of their senior year that will count towards both the BA and the MA. Students may take up to three 5000-level or higher graduate courses in the second semester of their senior year and follow the regular MA curriculum after they earn their BA degree.

Undergraduate Senior Year

Fall Semester – apply to the program by the end of the semester

Spring Semester – take 12 credits, including 9 graduate credits in 5000-level or higher courses

Graduate Program

Summer Semester – take 3 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Fall Semester – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Spring Semester – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher, including thesis or master's essay)

Students in the combined BA/MA program in Asian Studies must complete all other requirements for the MA degree in Asian Studies (please consult the graduate catalog and the Program's online graduate handbook). Students in this program have up to a year to complete the master's degree after receipt of the bachelor's degree. Students who fail to meet this year post BA requirement or who elect to leave the combined program at any time and earn only the BA degree will have the same access requirements to regular graduate programs as any other student, but will not be able to use the 9 graduate credits in both the bachelor's and master's degrees.

Minor in Asian Studies

This program is designed with an interdisciplinary approach to Asian Studies. This 15 credit minor supports specialized focuses such as area, comparative, or language studies. It prepares students interested in careers in international business, state or federal government, foreign affairs, and education, and more.

Required Course: (3 credits)

Students must choose one of the below courses in Asian Studies; students should consult with an advisor about current course offerings.

ASN 4510	Dynamics of Asia
ASN 4390	Modern Asia
ASN 3410	Introduction to East Asia
ASN 3403	Zen and the Art of Tea Ceremony
ASN 3200	Asia Through Films

Electives: (12 credits)

Students must select 12 elective credits from interdisciplinary, upper division courses with emphasis on Asia. Students are encouraged to take language courses, participate in the study abroad programs, and internships.

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Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

ASN-Asian Studies; FLE-Foreign Language Education

ASN 2002 Introduction to Asian Societies (3). Overview of Asian societies, including their interaction and impact on modern times.

ASN 3015 South Asian Cultures (3). An overview of South Asian culture.

ASN 3016 Introduction to China (3). Examination of China, focusing on its culture, history, religion, and societal life.

ASN 3200 Asia Through Films (3). Overview of Asian culture, history, and society through Asian cinema.

ASN 3329 Women in Asian Society (3). A multidisciplinary examination of the roles of and attitudes towards women in contemporary Asia. Analysis of how modernization and globalization affect women's status.

ASN 3410 Introduction to East Asia – GL (3). An overview of East Asia from traditional to modern times including the interaction among Asian cultures as well as between Asia and the world.

ASN 3414 Cultures of East Asia (3). A survey of the major cultural expressions of the societies of traditional and modern China and Japan.

ASN 3931 Special Topics in Asian Studies (3). An examination of specific topics in Asian Studies. The content is to be determined by the instructor.

ASN 4111 Japan and the New East (3). Issues of nationalism, regionalism and globalism in light of the emerging role of Japan in relation to the ascendancy of China and the implications for East Asia.

ASN 4390 Modern Asia (3). Focus on modernization and the transition from pre-modern, including elements such as westernization, industrialization, and the roles of capitalism, communism, and imperialism.

ASN 4404 Zen and the Art of the Tea Ceremony II (3). Theory, practice, aesthetics and cultural history of Chado, the Tea Ceremony of Zen Buddhism.

ASN 4510 Dynamics of Asia (3). An interdisciplinary study of the classical and contemporary periods in Asian civilizations, including tradition and modernization, culture and the arts, gender and diversity, and international relations. Content may vary from semester to semester. Course may be repeated.

ASN 4810 East Asian Texts in Translation (3). Reading and interpretation of classical sources from literature and religion in East Asia.

ASN 4911 Independent Research in Asian Studies (1-6). Topics selected to meet academic needs for students doing research in same special area in Asian Studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 4913 Research in Japanese Studies (3). Advanced undergraduate research course focusing on specialized topics in Japan including pre-modern and modern Japanese society and government, thought and culture.

ASN 4941 Internship in Asian Studies (1-3). Students to intern in local, national, and overseas organizations with ties to Asia. The nature of the work to be determined in conjunction with the advisor. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 4970 Honors Thesis (3). Writing and completion of undergraduate honors thesis. Prerequisites: Permission from the Program Director and senior standing.

ASN 5050 Methods in Asian Studies (3). An examination of interdisciplinary methods for studies of

Asia covering premodern and modern, language and area studies, fieldwork and deskwork, and qualitative and quantitative approaches.

ASN 5131 Zen and the Arts II (3). Theory, practice, aesthetics and cultural history of Chado the Tea Ceremony of Zen Buddhism.

ASN 5149 Topics in Modern China (3). Advanced studies in contemporary Chinese society from the early period of the People's Republic to the period since economic reforms in 1978.

ASN 5211 Asian Cultures and Influences (3). Examines diverse forms of Asian cultural manifestations and examples of self-expression, and the manner in which these styles have influenced modern Western movements (Transcendentalism and the Beats).

ASN 5306 Applying Asian Cultural Values in Business (3). Critical survey of traditional Asian values. Topics to include the way they have been applied to the world of entrepreneurship, cultural constructions of the Asian business community and philosophical approaches to the formation of entrepreneurial strategies.

ASN 5315 Topics in Modern Asia (3). Focus on modernization, or the transition from pre-modern (classical and medieval) to elements of the modern, including westernization, industrialization, and the roles of capitalism, communism, imperialism, and colonialism, as well as the impact of post-colonialism and post-modern society in Asia.

ASN 5605 Silk Road: Then and Now (3). Examination of the historical and contemporary significance of the Silk Road as an avenue for commercial and cultural exchange between East and West.

ASN 5815 Studies of Classical East Asian Texts (3). Advanced studies of classical East Asian readings from literature and religion, including interpretation and analysis from traditional and contemporary perspectives. Proficiency in Japanese and/or Chinese required. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 5910 Independent Research in Asian Studies (1-6). Topics will be selected to meet academic needs for students doing research in some specialized area of Asian studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

ASN 5932 Special Topics in Asian Studies (3). An examination of specific topics in Asian Studies. The content to be determined by instructor.

FLE 4853 Chinese Studies Pedagogy (3). Introduction to Chinese language pedagogy, providing knowledge and tools for teaching Chinese language and culture in a classroom, in a variety of pedagogical settings. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

FLE 5855 Pedagogical Methods for Chinese Language (3). Introduction to Chinese language pedagogy, providing knowledge and tools for teaching Chinese language and culture in a classroom and a variety of pedagogical settings. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.