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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 DM 300B, 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 including CLAS or its equivalent, completed 60 semester hours, and be otherwise acceptable into the program.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

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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://facts.org. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Upper Division Program

The Major requires 33 hours of upper division coursework. It is designed to allow students to focus on Asian political economy or culture or East Asian languages.

Language Requirements (6 credits)

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

Core Courses: (27 credits)

1. 18 credits from the Asian Studies course list (9 credits in International Political Economy and 9 credits in Asian Cultural Studies).
2. 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 language or one year in a second language.
3. 3 credits in a supervised research course (ASN 4510 or ASN 4936).
4. 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 Caucuses
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 Caucuses
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

Visit our website at http://asian.fiu.edu for a comprehensive list of electives.

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 3052  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  Asia in 19th Century Hispanic 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

a. To earn a B.A. with honors in Asian Studies, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA in Asian Studies courses.
b. 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.
c. 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.
d. 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.
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 Bachelor of Arts/Master of
Arts 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
• Combined GRE score of 1000
• 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 minor offers a
specialized focus on area and comparative 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 course in comparative area
studies or global studies. These courses represent a
partial list; students should consult with an advisor about
current course offerings and a full list of courses accepted
for the minor.

- ASN 4510 Dynamics of Asia
- ECS 3003 Comparative Economic Systems
- REL 3308 Studies in World Religions
- SYO 4550 Comparative Sociology

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.
For more information, contact the Asian Studies office,
DM 300B. Email: asian@fiu.edu; phone: (305) 348-1914;

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

ASN – Asian Studies, FLE - Foreign Language Education,
SRK – Sanskrit Language

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 3042 Asian Religions and the Arts (3). Examines the richly diverse and complex forms of art and artistic expression in the various Asian religions against the background of their respective cultural settings.

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


ASN 3403 Zen and the Art of Tea Ceremony (3). An introduction to the cultural traditions and social behavior of Asia that covers the history, theory, and practice of Chado, or Way of Tea, a Zen-Buddhist inspired art.

ASN 3410 Introduction to East Asia (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 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 4936 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 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 5120 Religion and Society in Japan (3). Examines the relation between religion and the state, the growth of new religious movements, the role of religion during times of war and conflict, issues of religious freedom and legality, the impact of religious institutions on gender and ethnicity.

ASN 5130 Zen and the Arts (3). Examines the history, theory, and practice of Chado (Way of Tea), a Zen inspired art that has had, and still exerts, a long-lasting influence on Japanese society.

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

ASN 5171 International Relations of Contemporary China (3). Survey of the dynamic interaction between external and internal factors on China's international relations.

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.

**SRK 2100 Sanskrit I – Basic Sanskrit (3).** Basic Sanskrit skills including Devanagiri alphabet; fundamentals of oral communication; grammar; use of dictionary; history of Sanskrit languages and literature.

**SRK 2101 Sanskrit II – Parinian Sanskrit (3).** Basic elementary Sanskrit alphabet and phonetics, grammar and syntax, formation and understanding of simple sentences common Sanskrit terms used in Hindu literature relationship to other languages. Prerequisite: SRK 2100.

**SRK 3202 Sanskrit III – Epic Sanskrit (3).** Reading and literary analysis of representative Sanskrit epic literature. The Bhagavad Gita will be the focus of attention. Prerequisite: SRK 2101.

**SRK 3203 Sanskrit IV – Sanskrit Composition (3).** Advanced aspects of poetic structures and literary styles of Sanskrit literature. Foci will be the Panchatantra and the works of Kalidasa. Prerequisite: SRK 3202.