

## ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

The Asian Studies minor is an multi-disciplinary course of study through which students engage the history, politics, languages, cultures, and other aspects of Asian peoples, societies, and countries. In the program, students have an opportunity to focus on particular areas of interest while at the same time gaining knowledge in core areas of the subject.

At its core, the program provides students with the analytical tools to (a) evaluate Asian ways of experiencing and understanding the world, (b) develop a nuanced understanding of how "Asia" as a conceptual framework relates to specific geographical and historical realities, and (c) build a rigorous interdisciplinary and regional studies foundation for future work as global citizens and agents of social justice around the world.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements (18 credits)</b>		
AS-101	Introduction to Asian Studies	3
AS-401	Practicum in Asian Studies	3
Four Elective Courses		12
At least one elective course must be at the 300 level or higher		
At least two elective courses must be in a different discipline from the other Asian Studies courses		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

- A maximum of two courses can be in the student's major, unless the Asian Studies Minor is part of a Liberal Studies Major.
- Students must take at least one course that has substantial historical content and at least one course with substantial content on philosophy/religion.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take courses in more than one geographical area (such as East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia).
- Students are strongly encouraged to take courses in an Asian language.

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Asian Studies Elective Courses</i>		
HI-236	Modern Far East History I	3
HI-237	Modern Far East History II	3
HI-251	Roots of China's Rise: Reform, Revolution and Reinvention	3
HI-255	Faculty-Led Study Abroad: China Cultural Immersion	3
HI-318	Ethnic Identities in China	3
HI-334	Environmental Crisis and Management in China	3
HI-335	Imperial Crossroads of Modern East Asia	3
HI-337	Travels in Asia	3
PH-170	Introduction to Asian Philosophy	3
PH-171	Buddhist Philosophy	3
PH-172	Chinese Philosophy	3
PH-276	Contemporary Asian Philosophy	3
PO-221	Asian Politics	3

## Required Courses

### AS-101 Introduction to Asian Studies

**LASC Categories:** GP, DAC

Introduction to Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary course that introduces students to interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Asian societies and cultures, using sources from different genres and disciplines to examine the social, cultural, historical, religious, and philosophical dimensions of Asian societies.

Alternating and every year. 3 Credits

### AS-401 Practicum in Asian Studies

**Prerequisites:** AS-101

In this course, students will apply Asian Studies knowledge and skill base through a hands-on activity, such as an internship in an Asian country or locally in an Asia-focused organization, or to a practical issue or challenge relevant to Asian Studies in a real-world setting, such as an internship in an Asia-focused think tank.

Alternating and every year. 3 Credits

## Elective Courses

### HI-236 Modern Far East History I

The cultural, political, and economic roots of modern East Asia, focusing on China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

Every year. 3 Credits

### HI-237 Modern Far East History II

**LASC Categories:** GP

The transformation and re-invention of East Asian societies since World War II.

Every year. 3 Credits

### HI-251 Roots of China's Rise: Reform, Revolution and Reinvention

**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP

Examines the modern historical roots of China's rise as an international power, from the decline of its last imperial dynasty through the tumults of 20th century social movements to its recent emergence as a global economic power.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

### HI-255 Faculty-Led Study Abroad: China Cultural Immersion

**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP

Experientially based immersion in the culture and society of China, consisting of language study, visits to historical and cultural sites, cultural immersion activities in local life, and the opportunity to engage with Chinese students.

3 Credits

### HI-318 Ethnic Identities in China

**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP, DAC, WAC

**Prerequisites:** EN-102 or EN-202

This course examines the modern history of ethnic identity formation in China and its frontiers and borderlands. It explores how China's own history of territorial expansion and political subjugation driven by ethnic minority rule shaped Chinese concepts of ethnic unity and diversity. The intersecting trajectories of European imperialism and Chinese ethnic nationalism will also be discussed, with the goal of situating the construction of ethnic categorization in China to global processes of colonialism and nationalism.

Alternating and every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-334 Environmental Crisis and Management in China**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, NSP

This course will examine the history of the relationship between Chinese society and culture, economic development, state power, scientific theories, and the environment. Recent media reports have highlighted a worsening environmental crisis in China while at the same time reporting on China as a new leader in the development of alternative energy sources. This course will trace the political, economic, social, and scientific history behind this environmental crisis, and will evaluate the role of local, regional, and national levels of the government, domestic and international non-governmental organizations, urban and rural activists, scientific studies and discourses, and evolving political ideologies. [Cross-listed with PO-334.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-335 Imperial Crossroads of Modern East Asia**

**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP

Examines East Asian history at the crossroads of Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Korean colonial and nationalist movements in a region called Manchuria, presently China's northeast border with Russia, Korea, and Mongolia. [Applicable to the Global Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**HI-337 Travels in Asia**

**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP

Travels in Asia examines modern East Asian history through the lens of Chinese, Japanese, European, and American travel narratives from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries. [Applicable to the Global Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-170 Introduction to Asian Philosophy**

**LASC Categories:** GP, TLC, DAC

Introduces and surveys the major philosophical traditions in East-Asia, South-Asia, and South-East Asia. This course will study the different worldviews, conceptions of human nature and the good life from these philosophical perspectives, and where possible, make comparisons with Western philosophies.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-171 Buddhist Philosophy**

**LASC Categories:** GP, ICW, DAC

Introduces and surveys the history and development of the major Buddhist traditions, and their interpretation of core Buddhist philosophies, as they move outwards from India.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-172 Chinese Philosophy**

**LASC Categories:** GP, TLC, DAC

Surveys the philosophies of ancient China, including Taoism, Buddhism, Legalism and the development of the Confucian tradition in China.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PH-276 Contemporary Asian Philosophy**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, GP, DAC

Surveys contemporary developments in Asian Philosophy, the continued relevance of ancient Asian Philosophies in contemporary Asia, and Asian philosophical responses to the Western tradition.

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits

**PO-221 Asian Politics**

**LASC Categories:** HBS, GP

This course provides students with an analysis of selected political systems of the countries of Asia. Students will have the opportunity to learn about major theories in comparative politics, which will be applied to the understanding of countries in the Asian region. Topics will include communist and post-communist transitions, democratization, social movements, and economic reform. [Applicable to the Global Studies Concentration.]

Every 2-3 years. 3 Credits