

Asian Studies

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of Asia Pacific Studies

Master of Arts degree in Asian studies.

Major in Asian studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in Asian studies.

The Major

Three billion people live in East, Southeast, and South Asia – half of the world's population. The importance of this immense and varied region cannot be overstated. More and more Americans are discovering the rich culture and history of the Asian people. Asians have made a major contribution to the world's literature and art, religion and philosophy, and are becoming increasingly important in international relations, business, and economics.

Nonmajors who wish to increase their knowledge about Asian peoples will find courses available in the Asian studies undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Department of Asia Pacific Studies seeks to provide a background for students planning to enter business, the academic environment, government, or community service – wherever the knowledge of Asia and Asians is needed. Students in the major develop an understanding of cultural heritage, societies, language and special forces. Areas of special interest may be pursued in depth.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Asian Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 03011)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Asian Studies 100, 101.(6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (equivalent to that attained through three semesters or five quarters of college study) in one Asian language, unless specifically waived by the undergraduate adviser. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units in Asian Studies. Courses from other departments acceptable for the Asian Studies major include: Anthropology 450[^], 452[^], Art 564[^], 565[^], 566[^], Chinese 450[^], 451[^], 496, 499; Comparative Literature 455[^], 460[^], 530[^]; Economics 465[^]; History 420, 421, 422, 543, 563, 564, 566, 567, 570; Japanese 421[^], 496, 499; Philosophy 351; Political Science 362, 575[^]; Religious Studies 338, 339, 345, 580*, 581*, 582*, 583*, 596*; Sociology 555[^]; Women's Studies 331.

Other Asian-content courses may be applied to the major with written approval of the undergraduate adviser.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the Asian Studies undergraduate adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

^{*}Acceptable when of relevant content.

[^]Indicates course with prerequisites not included in requirements listed above.

Asian Studies Minor

The minor in Asian Studies consists of a minimum of 18 units to include Asian Studies 100, 101; and any combination of 12 units of upper courses in Asian Studies, in Asian-content courses approved for the major, or upper division courses approved by the undergraduate adviser.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.