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Admission to Graduate Study
In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must present a Bachelor of Arts degree, as approved by the graduate committee of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. A student whose preparation is deemed inadequate by the graduate committee will be required to complete specific courses in addition to the minimum of 30 units required for the degree.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at http://www.csumentor.edu along with the $55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

Graduate Admissions
The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

(1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all post-secondary institutions attended;
Note:
- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

(2) GRE scores (http://www.ets.org, SDSU institution code 4682);

(3) English language score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (http://www.ets.org, SDSU institution code 4682).

Center for Asian and Pacific Studies
The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

Center for Asian and Pacific Studies
(Attention: Graduate Adviser)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-6042

(1) Letters of reference (minimum 3);

(2) Personal statement;

(3) Writing sample of recent academic work.

Advancement to Candidacy
All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as described in Part Four of this bulletin. In addition, all students must demonstrate a reading knowledge, at least at the intermediate level, of a relevant foreign language approved by the graduate adviser of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

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Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree
(Major Code: 03011) (SIMS Code: 111101)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the Master of Arts degree, as described in Part Four of this bulletin, the student must complete a minimum of 30 units from courses acceptable on master's degree programs, including Asian Studies 799A. The remaining 27 units to be selected, with departmental approval, from the list of approved courses in Part Five of this bulletin. In addition, any other Asian-content courses may be applied with approval of the graduate adviser.

The total program may not include more than 15 units in 500-level courses.

Only Plan A, requiring the thesis, is offered for the Master of Arts degree in Asian studies. A final oral examination on the general field of the thesis must be passed as a requirement for the degree.

All programs will be approved by the graduate committee of Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

Courses Acceptable on Master's Degree Program in Asian Studies (ASIAN)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

ASIAN 530. Media and Popular Culture in the Asia Pacific (3)

Media and popular culture in Asia as instruments of social control, agencies of emancipation, expressions of global western power, and a means through which local identities are revitalized.

ASIAN 531. Spiritual and Intellectual Traditions in the Contemporary Asia Pacific (3)

Major thinkers or schools of Asian thought in modern times, reflecting East/West encounters and influences of global importance. Spiritual and intellectual aspects, cultural context, social/political/economic dimensions of the thinker or school and impact beyond the original culture.

ASIAN 596. Selected Studies in Asian Cultures (3)

Topics on various aspects of Asian studies. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

Anthropology Course (ANTH)

ANTH 582. Regional Anthropology (3)*

C LT 530. Topics in Asian Literature (3)*

Economics Courses (ECON)

ECON 561. International Trade (3)
ECON 592. International Monetary Theory and Policy (3)

Geography Courses (GEOG)

GEOG 554. World Cities: Comparative Approaches to Urbanization (3)
GEOG 596. Advanced Topics in Geography (1-3)*

History Courses (HIST)

HIST 563. Southeast Asia to 1800 (3)
HIST 564. Southeast Asia in the Modern World (3)
HIST 566. Chinese Civilization: The Great Traditions (3)
HIST 567. China in Revolution (3)
HIST 570. Japan in the Modern World (3)
HIST 596. Selected Studies in History (1-4)*

Philosophy Course (PHIL)

PHIL 575. A Major Philosopher (3)*
Political Science Course (POL S)
POL S 575. International Relations of the Pacific Rim (3)

Religious Studies Courses (REL S)
REL S 581. Major Theme (3)*
REL S 583. Major Tradition (3)*

* Acceptable when of relevant content.

GRADUATE COURSES

ASIAN 797. Research (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Research in one of the aspects of Asia Pacific studies. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

ASIAN 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ASIAN 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.

ASIAN 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC
Preparation of a project or thesis for the master’s degree.

* Acceptable when of relevant content.