Asian Studies
In the College of Arts and Letters

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Faculty
Asian and Pacific Studies is administered by the Asian and Pacific Studies Committee. Faculty assigned to teach courses in Asian and Pacific studies are drawn from Anthropology, Art and Design, Chinese, Economics, English and Comparative Literature, Geography, History, Japanese, Journalism and Media Studies, Linguistics and Asian/ Middle Eastern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, Women’s Studies.
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Offered by Asian and Pacific Studies
Master of Arts degree in Asian studies.
Major in Asian studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Emphasis in Chinese studies and language.
Minor in Asian studies.
Minor in Chinese studies.
Minor in Japanese studies.

The Major
The importance of the immense and varied regions of Asian and the Pacific Rim are reflected in the rich culture and history of Asian people, Asian contributions to the world’s literature and art, religion and philosophy, as well as contemporary international relations and economics.
The major in Asian studies is multidisciplinary. Students can enroll in classes from a wide range of departments and programs, such as anthropology, art, Chinese, comparative literature, economics, history, Japanese, philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology, and women’s studies. Because the program draws its faculty from multiple programs and departments on the SDSU campus, the major is able to provide resources for understanding East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Rim, the relation of these peoples and cultures to North America, and Asian American diaspora communities. Areas of special interest may be pursued in depth.
The major provides students with the background for careers that require an understanding of Asia, whether in academic, business, government, or community and social services. Students in the major develop an understanding of cultural heritage, societies, and languages, as well as the social, political, and environmental issues of the Asian and Pacific regions. Nonmajors who wish to increase their understanding about Asian and Pacific peoples and cultures will find courses available in Asian Studies.

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.

Impacted Program
The Asian studies major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the Asian studies major, students must meet the following criteria:
a. Complete preparation for the major;
b. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
c. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)
Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website 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) (SIMS Code: 111101)
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.” No more than 48 units in Asian studies courses can apply to the degree.
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 Placement Assessment with a score of 10 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: Art 564^, 565^, 566^; Chinese 496, 499; Comparative Literature 451, 530^; History 420, 421, 422, 566, 567, 570; Japanese 421^, 496, 499; Philosophy 351; Political Science 362, 365, 575^; Religious Studies 338, 339, 345, 581*, 582*, 583*, 596*; 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.

Emphasis in Chinese Studies and Language
Close to one quarter of humanity lives in China, as has been the case for most of human history. Two of the world’s major religions originated in China, as did key technologies ranging from paper and porcelain manufacturing to gunpowder and the magnetic compass. China’s literature, art, poetry, and love of history are also world famous. In the 21st
Chinese Studies Minor
(SIMS Code: 111110)

The minor in Chinese studies consists of a minimum of 15 units to include three units of Asian Studies 150 or Chinese 100; History 567; Philosophy 351; Political Science 365; and three units selected from Art 564, History 566, Religious Studies 340, or 499 (Special Study), or another upper division course with appropriate focus on China, with approval of minor 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.

Japanese Studies Minor
(SIMS Code: 111111)

The minor in Japanese studies consists of a minimum of 12 units of upper division courses selected from Art 565, 566, Asian Studies 451 [or Comparative Literature 451], 458, 459, History 570, Japanese 499, Political Science 362, Religious Studies 341, 345, or other upper division courses in a department with appropriate content on Japan, with approval of minor 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.

Courses (ASIAN)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

ASIAN 100. State and Society in the Asia Pacific (3) [GE]
Social, political, and economic foundations of Asia Pacific societies. Emphasis on diversity of Asian cultures, their relationship with each other and within the global community.

ASIAN 101. Asian Thought and Cultures (3) [GE]
Intellectual and cultural underpinnings of East, Southeast, South, and Central Asia, from ancient to present, by means of a comparative overview of philosophies, religions, literatures, architectural design, visual and performing arts, highlighting continuing influence of tradition in contemporary Asian societies.

ASIAN 150. Understanding the Chinese World (3) [GE]
Traditions of Chinese civilization and their contemporary transformations. Chinese civilization through introductory modules on geography, language, religions, philosophies, arts, history, and politics of Chinese world.

ASIAN 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)
Selected topics. 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.
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UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Up for Undergraduates)

ASIAN 300. Asia’s Global Future (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Survey of contemporary Asia Pacific region and future prospects, politically, socially, and economically, as historically grounded in cultural and philosophic roots.

ASIAN 310. Contemporary Issues in Asian-American Communities (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Diverse processes, economic, political, and cultural, that have shaped formation and continued growth of diasporan communities in Asia Pacific region. Historical origins and contemporary status of diasporan communities.

ASIAN 320. Asian Environmental Issues (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
Major Asian environmental issues such as acid rain in China, dams on Mekong Delta, deforestation, and biodiversity conservation in Southeast Asia, population density in Bangladesh, overpopulation in China and India, and impending failure of Green Revolution.

ASIAN 421. Asia’s Emerging Nations (3) [GE]
(Same course as History 421)
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Historic changes which have contributed to the rise of modern Japan, India, and China. Topical comparative approach emphasizing ways Asian societies have responded to challenges of imperialism, nationalism, revolution, war, and modernization.

ASIAN 422. Asian American Experiences (3) [GE]
(Same course as History 422)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Experiences of Asian/Pacific Islander Americans to include immigration, colonialism, imperialism, exclusion, citizenship, labor, family, community, gender, popular culture, refugees, multi-racial tensions, globalization, and resistance.

ASIAN 451. Modern Asian Literature (3) [GE]
(Same course as Comparative Literature 451)
Prerequisite: Asian Studies 100 or 101 or Comparative Literature 270A or 270B or English 220; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C. Humanities required for nonmajors.
Asian literatures from modern period of China, Japan, India, Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, and others.

ASIAN 456. Contemporary Asian Film (3) [GE]
Two lectures and two hours of laboratory.
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C. Humanities required for nonmajors.
Contemporary Asian cinema focused on aesthetic and cinematic aspects of film. Methodologies of cultural criticism that elaborate relationships between media, representation, ethnicity, and national identity.

ASIAN 458. Asian Traditions (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses or upper division standing, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Social, cultural, economic, and political traditions of South, Southeast, and East Asia; how they functioned in theory and practice prior to twentieth century.

ASIAN 459. Modern Asian Cultures (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses or upper division standing, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.
Interdisciplinary investigation of East and Southeast Asian countries and regions. Western colonialism to rise of Asia as an economic and political power; ethnicity in Asian politics and society; terrorism, leadership struggles, and secessionist movements in Indonesia, Burma, and the Philippines.

ASIAN 460. Contemporary Issues in Filipino-American Communities (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.
History of Philippines and Filipino immigration to US. Current issues in Filipino American communities to include labor, health, gender and sexuality, race relations, family culture and parenting, youth and the elderly, ethnic identity and empowerment.

ASIAN 490. Study Abroad in Asian Studies (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors. See Class Schedule for additional prerequisites.
Selected topics in Asian studies. Courses taught abroad in Asian countries through a program approved by Center for Asian and Pacific Studies to include SDSU faculty-led courses in these countries. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content and geographic location. Maximum credit six units of which three units may be applicable to General Education.

ASIAN 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)
Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses.
Courses taught abroad in Asian countries through a program approved by Center for Asian and Pacific Studies to include SDSU faculty-led courses in these countries. May be repeated with new content. Maximum credit six units with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

ASIAN 499. Special Study (1-3)
Prerequisite: At least six units of upper division work completed toward the major or minor in Asian studies and consent of the instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSE
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

ASIAN 596. Selected Studies in Asian Cultures (3)
Topics in various aspects of Asian studies. May be repeated with new course. Prerequisite: Six units of Asian-content courses. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES
Refer to the Graduate Bulletin.