

ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR

Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Students will achieve Intermediate Low Oral Proficiency in an Asian language (by ACTFL standards).

Outcome 1: Students will be able to communicate effectively in an Asian language

Goal 2: Students will explore Asia's importance in the world through interdisciplinary investigation.

Outcome 2: Students will be able to apply a variety of tools, methods, and perspectives to understand Asian societies.

Goal 3: Students will conduct research about Asia and present their findings.

Outcome 3: Students will produce research using the methods and scholarly conventions of one or more Asian Studies disciplines to present their findings.

Requirements

Cornerstone Core Curriculum Requirements

Consist of 14 core and 2 overlay requirements. See below for additional detailed information on each of these requirements.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| First Year Course Requirements | | |
| ENG 101 | Craft of Language | 3 |
| | World History Course Area | 3 |
| Philosophy Requirements | | |
| Either Level One or Level Two (but not both) – must be Ethics designated. If approved, philosophy courses may count for a student's Writing Intensive overlay. Students may not double-count the same course as Philosophy Level Two and as a Mission Overlay course. | | |
| | Philosophy Level One | 3 |
| | Philosophy Level Two | 3 |
| Theology & Religious Studies Requirements | | |
| If approved, Theology & Religious Studies courses may count for a student's Writing Intensive overlay. Students may not double-count the same course as CCC Theology and as a Mission Overlay course. | | |
| | Theology | 3 |
| | Religious Studies | 3 |
| Diversity & INT 151 Requirements | | |
| A student's Diversity course may not count for any other CCC course area requirement or as their Mission Overlay course. If approved, Diversity courses may count for a student's Writing Intensive Overlay requirement. INT 151 may not count for any other CCC requirements. This course must be taken in the first two years | | |
| | Diversity | 3 |
| | INT 151 Inequality in American Society | 1 |
| Math & Natural Science Requirements | | |
| If approved, Math & Natural Science Requirements may count toward overlay requirements. | | |

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| Mathematics | 3-4 |
| Natural Science | 4 |
| Social Science Requirement | 3 |
| If approved, such Social Science Requirement may count toward a student's overlay requirements. | |
| Non-Native Language Requirement | 3-4 |
| A single Non-Native Language course may not count as an overlay course but a second language course fulfills a student's Mission Overlay requirement. | |
| Literature Requirement | 3 |
| If approved, Literature courses may count toward a student's overlay requirements. | |
| Fine and Performing Arts, Creativity, and Design Requirement | 3 |
| If approved, Fine and Performing Arts, Creativity, and Design courses may count toward a student's overlay requirements. | |
| Overlay Requirements | |
| Writing-Intensive | 3 |
| If approved, Writing-Intensive courses may double count as major courses, minor courses, electives, or as any CCC course area requirement except for the first-year courses (World History and Rhetoric and Composition). | |
| Mission-Overlay | 3 |
| Mission Overlay courses may double count as major courses, minor courses, elective courses, or any of the following CCC course areas: Fine and Performing Arts, Creativity, and Design, Literature, Mathematics, Natural Science, or Social Science. | |
| Total Hours | 47-49 |

Major Requirements

1. Are required to attain intermediate language competency in their area of concentration;¹
2. Must take a Foundational Heritage Course;
3. Must complete a minimum of seven elective courses, with at least four courses focusing on one geographic Area of Concentration: **East or South Asia**, and two courses focusing on another;
 - a. Electives must be distributed across at least four different departments;
 - b. Electives must be distributed across three categories: Art/ Literature/ Language; Philosophy/ Theology and Religious Studies; Social Science
4. Must take two OTHER Area Studies courses and one Methodology course:
 - a. Two OTHER Area Studies courses should cover areas outside Asia.
 - b. One course must focus on Methodology (see pre-approved list).

See below for pre-approved course offerings. Other courses, with at least 60% of the content focusing on Asia, may be accepted with the permission of the Program Director.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Language Requirement | | 6-8 |
| CHN 101 | Beginning Chinese I | |

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| CHN 102 | Beginning Chinese II |
| CHN 201 | Intermediate Chinese I |
| CHN 202 | Intermediate Chinese II |
| CHN 301 | Chinese Conv and Comp I |
| CHN 302 | Chinese Conv and Comp II |
| CHN 306 | Advanced Chinese I |
| CHN 307 | Advanced Chinese II |
| CHN 470 | Selected Topics - Chinese |
| JPN 101 | Beginning Japanese I |
| JPN 102 | Beginning Japanese II |
| JPN 201 | Intermediate Japanese I |
| JPN 202 | Intermediate Japanese II |
| JPN 301 | Japanese Conversation |
| JPN 302 | Japanese Conversat & Compos II |
| JPN 470 | Special Topics in Japanese |

Foundational Heritage

This course provides a broad overview of Asia, and will emphasize the fundamental background on which students will build in their later courses, including the basic linguistic, geographic, cultural, religious, and historical trends that have shaped East and South Asia.

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| HIS 208 | Historical Intro to Asian Civs | 3 |
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Electives in Area of Concentration 21

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| ARH 105 | East Asian Art & Architecture |
| ARH 111 | Art & Arch of Islamic World |
| ART 149 | Japanese Pottery & Tea Culture |
| ECN 475 | Asian Economies |
| ECN 476 | Women & Econ Dev in South Asia |
| ECN 477 | Chinese Economics |
| ENG 315 | Literature of South Asia |
| ENG 415 | Postcolonial Studies |
| ENG 414 | Modern and Contemporary Epic |
| HIS 339 | The Mongol Empire |
| HIS 350 | Exchng & Conq in Mod E. Asia |
| HIS 351 | Gndr, Ideolgy & Rev in E. Asia |
| HIS 352 | Late Imperial China |
| HIS 353 | Modern China |
| HIS 354 | Japan Since 1600 |
| HIS 356 | Modern South Asia |
| HIS 357 | History of Islam in Asia |
| HIS 358 | Contemporary China |
| HIS 359 | India & Pak: Colony to Nation |
| PHL 268 | The Self: East and West |
| PHL 308 | Asian Philosophies |
| PHL 309 | Personhood in Islamic Phil |
| POL 113 | Intro to Comparative Politics |
| or POL 115 | Intro to Global Politics |
| POL 333 | Asian Democ at the Crossroads |
| POL 339 | Asian Dictators |
| POL 350 | Haunted by the Past |
| POL 364 | IR of East Asia: War and Peace |
| REL 241 | Islam |
| REL 261 | Hinduism |
| REL 262 | Modern Hinduism |

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| REL 265 | Daoism |
| REL 342 | Women in Muslim Tradition |
| REL 343 | Reason Science&Faith in Islam |
| REL 356 | Death & Afterlife Chinese Rel |
| REL 360 | Religion & Art in East Asia |

OTHER Area Studies 6

Two OTHER Area Studies courses are required. These parallel the interdisciplinary nature of the major, and afford students the opportunity to explore other major Area Studies fields (Africana Studies, Irish Studies, Latin American Studies) taught at SJU. This component complements the major by exposing students to comparative perspectives on history, culture, politics and economics, broadening their understanding of the world and of the place of Asia within it. Note that some of these courses have pre-requisites.

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| ENG 211 | Black Popular Culture |
| ENG 304 | Global Shakespeares |
| ENG 317 | Literature of South Africa |
| ENG 329 | Black Women Writers |
| ENG 411 | Black British Literature |
| ENG 429 | The Civil Rights Movement |
| ENG 468 | Media/Culture in South Africa |
| HIS 210 | History of Modern Africa |
| HIS 343 | African Ethnicities |
| REL 271 | African & Caribbean Religions |

Irish Studies includes but is not limited to the following courses:

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| ENG 309 | British/Irish Immigration Lit |
| ENG 311 | 21st Century Irish Literature |
| ENG 313 | Cont Irish Women's Writing |
| ENG 314 | Irish Environmental Writing |
| ENG 404 | Eng,Irish,Anglophone Authors |
| ENG 451 | N. Ireland Conflict & Story |

Latin American and Latinx Studies includes but is not limited to the following courses:

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| HIS 203 | Historical Intro to Latin Am |
| HIS 204 | Latin American-U.S. Migration |
| HIS 303 | History of Modern Mexico |
| POL 331 | Latin American Politics |
| SPA 350 | Intro to Latin Amer Cultures |
| SPA 415 | Iconic Women of Latin America |

Methodology Course 3

Asian Studies majors must also take a methodology course. Students will select from a menu of courses designed to introduce them to fundamentals of social science theory. The intent of this course will be to equip students with analytic tools that they may make use of in their Asian Studies courses. Note that some of these courses have pre-requisites.

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| ECN 101 | Introductory Economics Micro |
| ECN 102 | Introductory Economics Macro |
| ECN 321 | International Trade |
| ECN 322 | International Macroeconomics |
| ENV 102 | Environmental Ethics |
| MAT 118 | Introduction to Statistics |
| ENV 105 | The Environment |
| POL 117 | Intro to Political Thought |

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| POL 305 | Politics, Ideology, & Film | |
| POL 352 | Global Political Economy | |
| POL 367 | Ethics in International Affairs | |
| POL 368 | Sex & Power around the World | |
| REL 101 | Comparative Religion | |
| SOC 211 | Classical Sociological Theory | |
| Seminar in Asian Studies | | 3 |
| The senior experience is designed to enable students to synthesize what they have learned during their time at SJU, and will typically take the form of a research seminar and/or thesis. Students are strongly encouraged to present their work at the Greater Philadelphia Asian Studies Consortium conference each spring. | | |
| HIS 476 | Seminar in Asian History | |
| HIS 478 | Seminar Global Comparative His | |
| HIS 481 | Readings in Asian Hist | |
| POL 403 | Capstone: Nations & Nationalism | |
| POL 409 | Capstone: Global Migration | |
| Total Hours | | 42-44 |

Free Electives

Graduation requires 120 credits. Any credits necessary to reach that number outside of the CCC and major requirements are considered free electives.

Study Abroad

The Asian Studies program considers experience in Asia to be an essential means of understanding. All Asian Studies majors are expected to spend at least one term (fall, spring, or summer) in a study-abroad program in Asia. There are currently approved programs in China, Japan, and Korea. This requirement can frequently be met through programs with existing ties to SJU, including The Beijing Center (operated by a consortium of Jesuit universities), Sofia University in Tokyo, and Sogang University in Seoul. Students may also petition for other semester, year or summer programs in Asia.

- ¹ The language requirement may be satisfied in one of three ways.
1. Two sequential intermediate classes (200-level) in the same Asian language (each course consisting of a minimum of three semester credit hours) at SJU or another US institution.
 2. Language examination confirming intermediate-level competency
 3. One semester language intensive study-abroad experience.

This requirement is seen as a minimum. The program encourages majors to attain fluency in an Asian language. Ideally, students will augment language study at SJU with an immersion experience of a semester or more. Part of the program's endowment will be dedicated to funding student needs for study abroad.

For languages not offered at SJU (Hindi, Urdu, Korean, etc.), the program may help interested students find appropriate instruction at other institutions or abroad, unless and until SJU is able to offer these languages on campus.

Typical Course Sequence

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| ENG 101 | Craft of Language | 3 |

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| Non-Native Language | | 3-4 |
| HIS 208 | Historical Intro to Asian Civs | 3 |
| Religious Studies | | 3 |
| Mathematics or Natural Science | | 3-4 |
| INT 151 | Inequality in American Society | 1 |
| Hours | | 16-18 |
| Spring | | |
| PHL Level One (Ethics or Non-Ethics) | | 3 |
| World History | | 3 |
| Natural Science or CCC: Math | | 3-4 |
| THE | | 3 |
| Hours | | 12-13 |
| Sophomore | | |
| Fall | | |
| PHL 2 (Non-Ethics or Ethics) | | 3 |
| Social Science | | 3 |
| LIT or Art/Creativity | | 3 |
| Major Elective #1 | | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Spring | | |
| Art/ Creativity or LIT | | 3 |
| Diveristy | | 3 |
| Major Elective #2: Methodology | | 3 |
| Major Elective #3 | | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Junior | | |
| Fall | | |
| Asian Studies Majors should consider studying abroad during the Junior Year. | | |
| Major Elective #4 | | 3 |
| Major Elective #5 | | 3 |
| Free Electives | | 9 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| Asian Studies Majors should consider studying abroad during the Junior Year. | | |
| Major Elective #6 | | 3 |
| Free Electives | | 12 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Senior | | |
| Fall | | |
| Free Electives | | 6 |
| Major: Senior Seminar /Capstone (WI) | | 3 |
| Mission Specific | | 3 |
| Major Elective #7- OTHER Area Studies 1 | | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| Major Elective #8- OTHER Area Studies 2 | | 3 |
| Free Electives | | 12 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Total Hours | | 112-115 |