

ASIA-PACIFIC AND NORTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

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This interdisciplinary minor is for students whose interests focus on the humanities and social sciences and Asia's role in global systems and the cultural mosaic of human experience.

Asia is the birthplace of many great religious and cultural traditions. It is a region in rapid and profound transformation. With half of the world's population and half of its land mass, Asia is destined to play an increasingly important role in the global economy and world politics. This minor will give students a better understanding of an important region of the world, broaden their perspective, and provide an edge in seeking jobs in various government agencies, international organizations, private businesses, law firms, and non-profit organizations that deal with Asia. It prepares students for graduate studies in the humanities or social sciences. This minor complements many majors including history, anthropology, communication, economics, and government and politics.

Faculty

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Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and nine of the 18 credits required must be at the 300 and 400 level. Three credits of Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at the intermediate level (200-level) or above may be applied to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

It is recommended that students interested in this minor take language courses in Chinese, Korean, or Japanese.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select two core courses (6 credits) from the following: 6		
One course (3 credits) in a language relevant to the area such as Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at the 200-level (or higher)		
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)	

GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		6

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select four electives (12 credits) from the following: ¹ 12		
ANTH 306	Peoples and Cultures of Island Asia (Mason Core)	
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core)	
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	
CHIN 310	Survey of Chinese Literature (Mason Core)	
CHIN 311	Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (Mason Core)	
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)	
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	
RELI 317	Daoism	
RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	
Total Credits		12

¹ Any course from the list of core course options not used to fulfill that requirement may be used as an elective course. Other electives are possible, including special topics courses when focused on this region (e.g. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core), HIST 387 Topics in Global History (Mason Core), HNRS 122 Reading the Arts (Topic Varies), HNRS 230 Cross-Cultural Perspectives (Topic Varies)) and approved study abroad courses or internships, when relevant, with prior written approval of the director.