ASIA - Asian Studies

ASIAN STUDIES Courses

ASIA 332. South Asia Since Independence. 3 Credits.
This is a comparative study of the main political, economic and social
developments in the major countries of South Asia. Themes will include
democratization, problems of economic development, the role of caste
and religion, the causes of intrastate conflict and interstate conflict and
the influence of global forces on the region. Prerequisites: HIST 100H or
HIST 101H or HIST 102H or HIST 103H or HIST 104H or HIST 105H.

ASIA 336. The Emergence of New China. 3 Credits.
The history of China covering late Imperial China, the impact of Western
imperialism, the Republican Period, and the establishment of the People's
Republic. Prerequisites: HIST 100H or HIST 101H or HIST 102H or
HIST 103H or HIST 104H or HIST 105H.

ASIA 337. Japan's Era of Transformation. 3 Credits.
The history of Japan since 1800. The decline of the Tokugawa Shogunate,
modern national building in the Meiji period, domestic conflicts and war in
the twentieth century, and the roots of Japan's economic prominence today.
Prerequisites: HIST 100H or HIST 101H or HIST 102H or HIST 103H or HIST 104H or HIST 105H.

ASIA 338W. Politics of East Asia. 3 Credits.
This course is designed for intermediate students who are interested in
the theoretical and systematic study of world politics. The course first
introduces students to several major theoretical approaches to the study
of world politics and then applies these approaches to a number of major,
contemporary issues—ranging from war and peace, conflict and cooperation,
development and underdevelopment to global and national interests.
This is a writing intensive course. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in
ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, six hours in human behavior,
and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

ASIA 353. Asian Religions. 3 Credits.
A study of religious and philosophical traditions of India, China and Japan.
Primary emphasis will be given to Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism
and Taoism. Prerequisites: Junior standing and three semester hours in
philosophy, or permission of the instructor.

ASIA 360. Asian Art. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the architecture, sculpture, calligraphy, pottery, ink,
painting, miniature painting, and gardens of India, China, and Japan.
Emphasis will be placed on the connections among the cultures: Buddhism
and pilgrimage, the importance of the scholar painters, the role of trade
routes and the emergence of native writing. Prerequisites: A grade of
C or higher in ENGL 110C; a grade of C or higher in ENGL 211C or
ENGL 231C; ARTH 121A or ARTH 203 or ARTH 210 or
ARTH 230 or ARTH 212 or permission of instructor.

ASIA 395. Topics in Asian Studies. 3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors or for elective credit
within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will
be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: HIST 101H or permission of the instructor.

ASIA 435. Chinese Politics. 3 Credits.
A study of origins of the Chinese revolution; development and functions
of the Chinese Communist Party; government institutions; the defense
establishment; evolution of foreign policy; and post-Mao political and
economic reforms. Prerequisites: POLS 100S or POLS 102S or permission
of the instructor.

ASIA 461W. Asian Studies Capstone Seminar. 3 Credits.
As a required course for the Asian Studies major, the course helps students
synthesize the knowledge they have learned from the undergraduate courses,
write a capstone research paper and present the paper in class. This is a
writing intensive course. Prerequisites: HIST 101H, a grade of C or better in
ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and junior standing.