Asian Studies

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Bachelor of Arts—Asian Studies

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A total of 120 credit hours is required for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Asian Studies. The 120 credit hours are divided into two major categories:
1. Requirements for General Education and electives and
2. 33–35 hours at the upper level required for the Asian Studies major

Each of these two categories consists of the courses as follows:

**Lower Division General Education**

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<td>Written Communication *</td>
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<td>Oral Communication</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>Language and Culture **</td>
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<td>Information Literacy and Research (can be met in the major by HIST 201 or POLS 308)</td>
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<td>Human Creativity</td>
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<td>Interpreting the Past</td>
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<td>HIST 101HInterpreting the Asian Past (required)</td>
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<td>Literature</td>
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<td>Philosophy and Ethics</td>
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<td>The Nature of Science</td>
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<td>Impact of Technology</td>
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<td>Human Behavior</td>
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<td><strong>Total Hours</strong></td>
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* Grade of C or better required in both courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major

**Capstone Seminar in Asian Studies**

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<td>ASIA 461WAsian Studies Capstone Seminar *</td>
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**Upper-level Elective Courses (24-26 credit hours at the 300 or 400 Level)**

These courses can be elected from the list below. At least one of the elective courses must be selected from the Humanities (i.e., history, literature, religion, philosophy, art, theatre, and music) and one from social sciences/business (e.g., political science, economics, business management, marketing, geography, sociology, communication, and women’s studies). Students are strongly encouraged to take courses in more than one region of Asia. Courses are under development in different disciplines, and additional courses with an Asian content may be approved by the program director. No course listed below may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
Students who wish to qualify for the minor in Asian studies must file a program declaration with the director of the Institute of Asian Studies and complete a total of 12 credit hours at the 300-400 level, 3 of which may be in the major area of study. ASIA courses and any course listed as an elective choice for the major cannot be used to meet this option.

The courses listed below can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Asian Studies minor. Additional courses with an Asian content may be approved by the program director.

**Asian Studies:**
- ASIA 332 South Asia Since Independence 3
- ASIA 336 The Emergence of New China 3
- ASIA 337 Japan's Era of Transformation 3
- ASIA 338W Politics of East Asia 3
- ASIA 353 Asian Religions 3
- ASIA 360 Asian Art 3
- ASIA 395 Topics in Asian Studies * 3
- ASIA 435 Chinese Politics 3
- ASIA 461W Asian Studies Capstone Seminar 3
- ASIA 495 Topics in Asian Studies * 3

**Business Management and Marketing:**
- MGMT 463 Management Seminar Abroad 3
- MKTG 496 Selected Topics in Marketing * 1-3

**Communication:**
- COMM 300 International Sojourning 3
- COMM 400W Intercultural Communication 3
- COMM 407 Communication and Culture in Asia 3
- COMM 495/496 Topics in Communication * 1-3

**Economics:**
- ECON 450 International Economics 3
- ECON 454W Economic Development 3
- ECON 495 Selected Topics in Economics * 1-3

**English:**
- ENGL 395 Topics in English * 1-3
- ENGL 396 Topics in English * 1-3
- ENGL 495 Topics in English * 1-3

**Filipino-American Studies:**
- FAST 395 Topics in Filipino American Studies 3

**Foreign Languages:**
- CHIN 311 Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I 3
- CHIN 312 Advanced Chinese Language and Culture II 3
- CHIN 395 Topics in Chinese 1-3
- JAPN 311 Communicative Competence: Speaking and Listening 3
- JAPN 312 Communicative Competence: Writing and Reading 3
- JAPN 396 Topics in Japanese 1-3
- JAPN 495 Topics in Japanese 1-3
- WCS 310 Japan: A Cultural Odyssey 3

**Geography:**
- GEOG 453 Asia 3
- GEOG 456 Geography of Southeast Asia 3
- GEOG 495/496 Topics in Geography * 1-4

**History:**
- HIST 332 South Asia Since Independence 3
- HIST 336 The Emergence of New China 3
- HIST 338 Japan's Era of Transformation 3
- HIST 439 Politics and Society in East Asia Since 1945 3
- HIST 495 Topics in History * 1-3
- HIST 495 Topics in History * 1-3

**International Business:**
- INBU 433 Doing Business in Asia 3
- INBU 463 International Business Seminar Abroad 3

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**Philosophy and Religious Studies:**

PHIL 353  Asian Religions  3
PHIL 480  Hinduism  3
PHIL 481  Buddhism  3
PHIL 482  Chinese Religion and Philosophy  3
PHIL 485  Japanese Religion and Philosophy  3
PHIL 495/496  Topics in Philosophy *  1-3
REL 352  Islam  3

**Political Science:**

POLS 338W  Politics of East Asia  3
POLS 435  Chinese Politics  3
POLS 436  Japanese Politics  3
POLS 437  International Relations in East Asia  3
POLS 495/496  Topics in Political Science *  1-3

**Psychology:**

PSYC 420  Cross-Cultural Psychology  3
PSYC 495  Topics in Psychology *  1-3

**Sociology:**

SOC 306  Religion and Society  3
SOC 395  Topics in Sociology *  3
SOC 396  Topics in Sociology  3

**Women’s Studies:**

WMST 401W  Women: A Global Perspective  3
WMST 495  Topics in Women's Studies *  3
WMST 496  Topics in Women's Studies *  3

* With significant portion of the course about Asia, to be approved by the director.

**Minor in Chinese Studies**

The Chinese Studies minor consists of 12 credit hours of 300- and 400-level courses that combine the study of language and culture. For a more complete description and requirements, please refer to the minors section in the Department of World Languages and Cultures (http://catalog.odu.edu/previous/2017-2018/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/worldlanguagesandcultures).

**Minor in Japanese Studies**

The Japanese Studies minor consists of 12 credit hours of 300- and 400-level courses that combine the study of language and culture. For a more complete description and requirements, please refer to the minors section in the Department of World Languages and Cultures (http://catalog.odu.edu/previous/2017-2018/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/worldlanguagesandcultures).

**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 221C or ENGL 231C; ARTH 121A or ARTH 211 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.

**ASIA 495/595. Topics in Asian Studies. 3 Credits.**

This course is designed for small groups of qualified students to conduct advanced study of selected topics on Asian Studies, topics which may not be taught in regularly scheduled classes. The description of the course for each offering will appear in the course schedule booklet that is distributed to each advisor. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey source or permission of the instructor.