

Bachelor of Arts

Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Asian Studies (BA)

This major will begin effective with the Spring 2026 term.

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both ENGL 110C and the second written communication course before declaring a major.

Upper Division General Education

Met in the major.

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts *	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research **	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* Grade of C or better required.

** Grade of C- or better required.

Asian Studies Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	41-47
Complete upper-division requirements (met in the major)	0

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts *	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research **	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **	3

Asian Studies Core Electives ***

ASIA 332	South Asia Since Independence	3
or POLS 336	South Asia Since Independence	
ASIA/HIST 336	The Emergence of New China	3
ASIA 337	Japan's Era of Transformation	
or HIST 338	Japan's Era of Transformation	
ASIA/POLS 338W	Politics of East Asia	3
ASIA/PHIL 353	Asian Religions	
ASIA/ARTH 360	Asian Art	3
ASIA 395	Topics in Asian Studies	
ASIA/POLS 435	Chinese Politics	3
ASIA 461W	Asian Studies Capstone Seminar	
ASIA 495	Topics in Asian Studies	3
GEOG 453	Asia	
HIST 330	Modern South Asia, c. 1700 to Present	3
REL 483	Tibet, Happiness, and this Precious Life	

Asian Studies Electives +

Business Management and Marketing

MGMT 361	International Business Operations	3
MGMT 463	Management Seminar Abroad	

Communications

COMM 300	International Sojourning	3
COMM 400W	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 495	Topics in Communication ++	

Economics

ECON 450	International Economics	3
ECON 454W	Economic Development	
ECON 455	Comparative Economic Systems	
ECON 495	Selected Topics in Economics ++	

English

ENGL 396	Topics in English ++	3
ENGL 466W	Asian American Literature	
ENGL 495	Topics in English ++	

Finance

FIN 497	Selected Topics in Finance ++	3
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Geography

GEOG 453	Asia	3
GEOG 495	Topics in Geography ++	

History

ASIA/HIST 336	The Emergence of New China	3
ASIA 337	Japan's Era of Transformation	

or HIST 338	Japan's Era of Transformation
HIST 316	Cold War in History
HIST 330	Modern South Asia, c. 1700 to Present
HIST 396	Topics in History ⁺⁺
HIST 495	Topics in History ⁺⁺

International Business

INBU 433	Doing Business in Asia
INBU 463	International Business Seminar Abroad

Leadership

CPD 400	Foundations of Leadership
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Maritime Operations

SCLM/MSCM 495	Selected Topics in Supply Chain, Logistics and Maritime Operations ⁺⁺
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Philosophy and Religious Studies

PHIL 303E	Business Ethics
PHIL/REL 380	Hinduism
PHIL/REL 381	Buddhist Traditions
PHIL 482	Chinese Religion and Philosophy
PHIL 485	Japanese Religion and Philosophy
PHIL/REL 495	Topics in Philosophy ⁺⁺
PHIL/REL 496	Topics in Philosophy ⁺⁺
REL 352	Islam

Political Science

ASIA/POLS 435	Chinese Politics
POLS 325W	World Politics
POLS 336	South Asia Since Independence
POLS 436	Japanese Politics
POLS 437	International Relations in East Asia
POLS 495	Topics in Political Science ⁺⁺
POLS 496	Topics in Political Science ⁺⁺

Psychology

PSYC 420	Cross-Cultural Psychology
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Sociology

SOC 306	Religion and Society
SOC 395	Topics in Sociology ⁺⁺

Women's Studies

WGS 390T	Women, Gender, and Technology Worldwide
WGS 401W	Women: A Global Perspective
WGS 415	Migration and Refugee Studies
WGS 495	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies ⁺⁺

World Languages and Cultures

CHIN 311	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I
CHIN 312	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture II
CHIN 395	Topics in Chinese
CHIN 396	Topics in Chinese
CHIN 495	Topics in Chinese
JAPN 301	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese I
JAPN 302	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese II
JAPN 309	Kanji Skills for Reading Japanese
JAPN 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey
JAPN 311	Global Conversations
JAPN 312W	Writing Around the World
JAPN 323	World Cultures and Contexts
JAPN 335	Japanese Society and Language
JAPN 395	Topics in Japanese
JAPN 396	Topics in Japanese
JAPN 422	Analyzing Japanese Conversation

JAPN 445	Japanese Language Acquisition and Teaching
JAPN 495	Topics in Japanese

Total Credit Hours **89-95**

- * Grade of C or better required.
- ** Grade of C- or better required.
- *** At least one course must be at the 400-level.
- + Some courses may have prerequisites.

Electives

Elective courses may be taken for the remainder of the minimum 120 credits required for the degree.

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/>) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/>). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.