### Asian Studies

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#### Bachelor of Arts—Asian Studies

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- **Major Requirements**
  - **Research Methods**
    - Select one of the following: 3
      - HIST 201 Introduction to Historical Methods
      - POLS 308 Research Design
      - SOC 337 Social Research Methods
      - PSYC 317 Quantitative Methods
      - ECON 400 Research Methods in Economics
  
  - **Capstone Seminar in Asian Studies**
    - ASIA 461W Asian Studies Capstone Seminar* 3

  **Total Hours** 6

* Grade of C or better required.

**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.

#### Asian Studies

- ASIA 332 South Asia Since Independence 3
- ASIA/HIST 336 The Emergence of New China 3
- ASIA 337/HIST 338 Japan's Era of Transformation 3
- ASIA/POLS 338W Politics of East Asia 3
- ASIA/PHIL 353 Asian Religions 3
- ASIA 360 Asian Art 3
- ASIA 395 Topics in Asian Studies 3
- ASIA/POLS 345 Chinese Politics 3
- ASIA 461W Asian Studies Capstone Seminar 3
- ASIA 495 Topics in Asian Studies 3
- Asian Experience (Study Abroad or an approved practicum; consult with the director for arrangements)

#### Business Management and Marketing

- MGMT 463 Management Seminar Abroad (Korea, Philippines, China and/or other Asian countries) 3
- MKTG 496 Selected Topics in Marketing (Asian content) 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 (Asian content) 1-3

#### Economics

- ECON 450 International Economics 3
- ECON 454W Economic Development 3
- ECON 495 Selected Topics in Economics (Asian content) 1-3

#### English

- ENGL 396 Topics in English (Contemporary Filipino/Filipino-American Literature) 1-3
- ENGL 495 Topics in English (Techno-Orientalism in Science Fiction Film & Literature) 1-3

#### Filipino American Studies

- FAST 395 Topics in Filipino American Studies 3

#### Foreign Languages

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

#### Geography

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**Lower-Division General Education**

- Written Communication * 6
- Oral Communication 3
- Mathematics 3
- Language and Culture ** 0-12
- Information Literacy and Research (can be met in the major by HIST 201 or POLS 308) 0-3
- Human Creativity 3
- Interpreting the Past 3
- HIST 101H Interpreting the Asian Past (required) 3
- Literature 3
- Philosophy and Ethics 3
- The Nature of Science 8
- Impact of Technology 3
- Human Behavior 3

**Total Hours** 38-53

* Grade of C or better required in both courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major
** CHIN 111F-CHIN 212 or JAPN 111F-JAPN 212 are required; proficiency is not met by completion of an associate degree.

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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:
Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

Minor in Asian Studies

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. No more than two courses may be taken from any one discipline. For completion of the minor, a student must have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all courses required for the minor exclusive of 100- and 200-level courses and prerequisite courses and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.

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.

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

Foreign Languages:
- CHIN 311 Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I 3
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- CHIN 395 Topics in Chinese 1-3
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- JAPN 495 Topics in Japanese 1-3
- WCS 310 Japan: A Cultural Odyssey 3

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

History:
- HIST 336 The Emergence of New China 3
- HIST 338 Japan’s Era of Transformation 3
### 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/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/worldlanguagesandcultures/).

### Minor in Japanese
The Japanese 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/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.**
This course introduces students to several key religious traditions originating in Asia, such as: Hindu traditions in India; Confucianism, Daoism, and popular religion in China, Buddhism and Shinto in Japan; and Buddhist traditions of China, Tibet, and Mongolia. Students will read and analyze primary sources in English translation. By examining artifacts from literature, art, and poetry, students will also learn about cultural history. Throughout the course, we will be employing hermeneutical methods in the field of religions studies, such as methods of comparisons. 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 150 or ARTH 203 or ARTH 204 or ARTH 210 or ARTH 230 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 in 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.