

Asian Studies Concentration Faculty Group

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Asian Studies



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Benefits of a Degree in Asian Studies

Asian Studies is a regionally focused interdisciplinary concentration at the major and minor levels of UNCG's Special Program in Liberal Studies/International & Global Studies (SPLS/IGS). It is intended for undergraduate students with a keen interest in studying Asia (broadly defined as encompassing mainland and maritime East Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia) in multiple historical contexts and from a variety of complementary perspectives.

Courses on Asian history, social and human rights issues, political and economic activities, and cultures (including literatures, arts, and belief systems) afford the basis on which students will build the critical perspectives needed to assess and engage with Asia's prominent place in our 21st-century world. To strengthen this groundwork, Asian Studies students also complete advanced-level course work in a major language of the region (especially Chinese or Japanese), and they complete a study abroad experience in an Asian country of their choosing.

Requirements

Major: The SPLS/IGS major with a concentration in Asian Studies is a 30-hour major consisting of:

- 6 hours of course work, at the 300-level or higher, in one of the foreign languages of Asia (languages other than Chinese or Japanese must be approved by the IGS Director);
- 6 hours of IGS core courses (IGS 210: "Intro to Asian Studies" or IGS 200: "Intro to IGS," and IGS 400: "Capstone Seminar in IGS");
- 18 hours of Additional Courses on international and/or global topics corresponding to the four conceptual categories of IGS (society and politics; economics and development; arts and literature; belief systems and cultures), at least 12 hours of which must focus on Asia.

Second Major: Must meet the same requirements as the Major, with at least 12 hours taken outside the student's primary major.

Minor: Required to complete 18 hours, incl. 6 hours of an Asian language (300+ level), 3 hours of an IGS intro core course, and 9 hours of Additional Courses focusing on Asia.

Suggested Asian Studies Courses

BLS 327	Contemporary Asian Literature
CHI 210	Masterworks of Chinese Literature in Translation
CHI 220	Modern Chinese Literature and Culture
CHI 305	Topics in Chinese Culture
GEO 306	World Economic Geography
GEO 340	Geography of East Asia
HIS 215/216	Civilizations of Asia (GPM)/(GMO)
HIS 382C	Experimental Course: East Asian History Through Film
HIS 383	Chinese History to 1800
HIS 384	Modern Transformation of China: 1800 to Present Day
HIS 386	Creating Modern Japan, 1867 to the Present
HIS 387	History of the Chinese Frontier
JNS 220	Modern Japan
JNS 230	Women in Japanese Literature and Film
JNS 305	Topics in Japanese Culture
JNS 306	Current Issues in Japan
JNS 499	Practicum (Japanese)
MUS 343	Music Cultures of the World
MUS 354	Modern Asia through Its Music
PSC 250	Model United Nations (focusing on Asia)
REL 218	Chinese Religion
REL 220	Japanese Religion
REL 221	Buddhism
REL 223	Hinduism
REL 366	Religions of China: Selected Topics
REL 367	Religions of Japan: Selected Topics



Please note: For a course to count towards a major or minor, content must focus on Asia