

# ASIAN STUDIES

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### **DEGREE OFFERED: BA**

Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary major that explores the complex interaction between political, social, religious, and other important spheres of human life in Asia. Emphasis is placed not only on the diversity and achievements of Asian civilizations but also on the ways an understanding of Asia may shed new light on Western cultural traditions. The major is built around courses in the humanities and social science divisions and a team-taught interdisciplinary core course, Introduction to Asian Civilizations. Some residential college courses may qualify for Asian studies credit.

Requirements: The undergraduate Asian Studies major will consist of 30 hours or more of course work. All majors must take the core course, ASIA 211, and 9 additional courses drawn from at least 3 of the departments offering courses in Asian studies. (See specific guidelines below.)

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN ASIAN STUDIES**

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 14–15). Students majoring in Asian studies must complete 30 semester hours or more of major course work, including:

- ASIA 211 Introduction to Asian Civilizations
- 9 additional courses drawn from at least 3 of the departments or programs that offer courses with predominantly Asian content. In the case of cross-listed courses, any 1 of the departments or programs appearing in the cross-listing can be used to satisfy this particular requirement. See courses listed below.
- 6 courses at the 300-level or above
- 2 years of a single Asian language (this may include an Asian language other than those offered by Rice), though students may count no more than 4 semesters of Asian languages toward the major. Students who have

placed into the 3rd year (300-level) or higher of an Asian language at Rice will have satisfied our proficiency requirement for the Asian Studies major. Such students may continue with the same Asian language or another and receive up to 4 semesters of credit toward the major for this additional language coursework.

Any changes in the requirements for the major must be approved by the director of Asian Studies.

One or more independent reading courses (ASIA 401 for the fall and ASIA 402 or ASIA 403 for the spring) taught by Asian Studies faculty in these departments may be counted toward the major. Students also may use certain residential college courses to fulfill their major requirements, subject to the approval of the director of Asian studies.

The following courses, not all of which are taught every year, may be used to satisfy the major requirements. Note that a number of these courses are cross-listed.

### ***Anthropology***

ANTH 353 *Cultures of India*

### ***Asian Studies***

ASIA 139 *Introduction to Indian Religions*  
(also offered as RELI 139)

ASIA 140 *Introduction to Chinese Religions*  
(also offered as RELI 140)

ASIA 179 *The Arts of China*

ASIA 211 *Introduction to Asian Civilizations*  
(Also listed as HIST 206)

ASIA 221 *The Life of the Prophet Muhammad*  
(also offered as RELI 221)

ASIA 231 *The Enlightenment of the Body*  
(also offered as RELI 231)

ASIA 232 *Religions From India* (also offered as RELI 232)

ASIA 240 *Gender and Politicized Religion* (also offered as SWGS 240)

ASIA 250 *Meditation, Mysticism, and Magic*  
(also offered as RELI 250)

ASIA 280 *The Asian American Experience*

ASIA 299 *Women in Chinese Literature*  
(also offered as CHIN 299 and SWGS 299)

ASIA 323 *The Knowing Body* (also offered as SWGS 323 and RELI 323)

ASIA 330 *Introduction to Traditional Chinese Poetry* (also offered as CHIN 330)

ASIA 331 *South Asian Literature, Poetry, and Popular Culture I* (also offered as HIND 335)

ASIA 332 *Chinese Literature and its Movie Adaptations* (also offered as CHIN 332)

ASIA 334 *Traditional Chinese Tales* (also offered as CHIN 334)

ASIA 335 *Introduction to Classical Chinese Literature* (also offered as CHIN 335)

ASIA 336 *South Asian Literature, Poetry, and Popular Culture II* (also offered as HIND 336)

ASIA 340 *Gender and Politicized Religion* (also offered as SWGS 340)

ASIA 344 *Korean Literature* (also offered as HUMA 344 and KORE 344)

ASIA 345 *Origin and Development of Korean and Related Languages in East Asia* (also offered as HUMA 345 and KORE 345)

ASIA 346 *Korean Culture and History*  
(also offered as KORE 346)

ASIA 350 *History and Politics of Central Asia*

ASIA 354 *Asian Apocalyptic Movements*  
(also offered as RELI 354)

ASIA 355 *Religion and Social Change in South Asia* (also offered as RELI 355)

ASIA 360 *China and the Chinese Diaspora*

ASIA 361 *The Oriental Renaissance*  
(also offered as RELI 361)

ASIA 363 *Marriage of Heaven and Hell*  
(also offered as RELI 363)

ASIA 372 *Survey of Asian American Literature*  
(also offered as ENGL 372)

ASIA 380 *The Asian American Experience*

ASIA 385 *Chinese Art and Visual Culture* (also offered as HART 372)

ASIA 389 *The Indian Ocean World* (also offered as HIST 389)

ASIA 399 *Women in Chinese Literature*  
(also offered as MDST 379 and SWGS 399)

ASIA 401/402 *Independent Reading*

ASIA 422 *Original Beauty of Chinese Literature*

ASIA 432 *Islam in South Asia* (also offered as HIST 432 and SWGS 432)

ASIA 441 *Popular Religion in the Middle East* (also offered as RELI 441/525)

ASIA 470 *Visual Culture in Revolutionary and Postrevolutionary China (ca. 1949-present)* (also offered as HART 470)

ASIA 473 *Topics in Asian American Literature* (also offered as ENGL 473)

### **Chinese**

CHIN 101/102 *Introductory Chinese I and II*

CHIN 201/202 *Elementary Chinese I and II*

CHIN 203/204 *Accelerated Chinese I and II*

CHIN 211/212 *Accelerated Elementary Chinese I and II*

CHIN 215 *Classical Chinese*

CHIN 301/302 *Intermediate Chinese I and II*

CHIN 311/312 *Accelerated Intermediate Chinese I and II*

CHIN 313 *Advanced Intermediate Chinese: Media Chinese*

CHIN 314 *Contemporary China*

CHIN 315 *Taiwan's Films Since 1980s*

CHIN 316 *Texts from Popular Culture*

CHIN 318 *Medical Chinese*

CHIN 321 *Structure of Chinese: Syntax and Semantics* (also offered as LING 321)

CHIN 322 *Taiwanese Language and Literature*

CHIN 330 *Introduction to Traditional Chinese Poetry* (also offered as ASIA 330)

CHIN 332 *Chinese Literature and its Movie Adaptations* (also offered as ASIA 332)

CHIN 334 *Traditional Chinese Tales* (also offered as ASIA 334)

CHIN 335 *Introduction to Classical Chinese Literature* (also offered as ASIA 334)

CHIN 346 *History of the Chinese Language* (also offered as LING 346)

CHIN 399 *Chinese Teaching Practicum*

CHIN 411/412 *Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I and II*

CHIN 422 *Original Beauty of Chinese Literature* (also offered as ASIA 422)

### **English**

ENGL 372 *Survey of Asian American Literature* (also offered as ASIA 372)

ENGL 473 *Topics in Asian American Literature* (also offered as ASIA 473)

### **Hindi**

HIND 101/102 *Elementary Hindi I and II*

HIND 201/202 *Intermediate Hindi I and II*

HIND 335 *South Asian Literature, Poetry, and Popular Culture I* (also offered as ASIA 331)

HIND 336 *South Asian Literature, Poetry, and Popular Culture II* (also offered as ASIA 336)

HIND 398/399 *Hindi Teaching Practicum*

### **History**

HIST 134 *20th-Century Chinese Women*

HIST 206 *Introduction to Asian Civilizations*

HIST 219 *Fortune-Tellers and Philosophers*

HIST 220 *Contemporary China* (also offered as ANTH 220)

HIST 268 *Bondage in the Modern World*

HIST 270 *South Africa and Indonesia*

HIST 271 *History of South Asia to 1857*

HIST 272 *Modern South Asia*

HIST 302 *Traditional Chinese Culture*

HIST 310 *Contemporary China* (enriched version of HIST 220; also offered as ANTH 310)

HIST 319 *Fortune-Tellers and Philosophers*

HIST 320 *Imperial Gardens*

HIST 341 *Premodern China*

HIST 342 *Modern China*

HIST 389 *The Indian Ocean World* (also offered as ASIA 389)

HIST 405 *Issues in Comparative History*

HIST 432 *Islam in South Asia* (also offered as ASIA 432 and WGST 432)

HIST 450 *Traditional Chinese Culture* (enriched version of HIST 250)

HIST 493 *Early Modern Islamic Empires*

### **History of Art**

HART 170 *The Arts of China*

HART 372 *Chinese Art and Visual Culture* (also offered as ASIA 385)

HART 470 *Visual Culture in Revolutionary and Postrevolutionary China (ca. 1949-present)* (also offered as ASIA 470)

### **Japanese**

JAPA 101/102 *Introduction to Japanese I and II*

JAPA 201/202 *Intermediate Japanese I and II*  
 JAPA 301/302 *Advanced Japanese Reading and Composition I and II*

JAPA 370 *Structure of Japanese* (also offered as LING 370)

JAPA 398/399 *Japanese Teaching Practicum*

JAPA 498/499 *Independent Study*

### **Korean**

KORE 101/102 *Introduction to Korean Language and Culture I and II*

KORE 201/202 *Intermediate Korean Language and Culture I and II*

KORE 301/302 *Advanced Korean I and II*

KORE 344 *Korean Literature and Culture* (also offered as ASIA 344 and HUMA 344)

KORE 345 *Origin and Development of Korean and Related Languages in East Asia* (also offered as LING 345 and ASIA 345)

KORE 346 *Korean Culture and History* (also offered as ASIA 346)

KORE 398/399 *Korean Teaching Practicum*

### **Linguistics**

LING 321 *Structure of Chinese Syntax and Semantics* (also offered as CHIN 321)

LING 345 *Linguistic Structure of Korean* (also offered as ASIA 345 and KORE 345)

LING 370 *Structure of Japanese* (also offered as JAPA 370)

### **Political Science**

POLI 250 *Political Economy of Gender* (also offered as SWGS 250)

POLI 460 *Seminar in Comparative Government*

### **Religious Studies**

RELI 132/133 *and Colloquial Tibetan* (also offered as TIBT 132)

RELI 221 *The Life of the Prophet Muhammad* (also offered as ASIA 221)

RELI 231 *The Enlightenment of the Body* (also offered as ASIA 231)

RELI 232 *Religions From India* (also offered as ASIA 232)

RELI 250 *Meditation, Mysticism, and Magic* (also offered as ASIA 250)

RELI 322 *Introduction to Buddhism*

RELI 323 *The Knowing Body* (also offered as ASIA 323 and SWGS 323)

RELI 325 *Buddhism and the Female*

RELI 328 *Tantra in Comparative Perspective*

RELI 331/332 *Advanced Tibetan Language and Culture I and II* (also offered as TIBT 331/332)

RELI 354 *Asian Apocalyptic Movements* (also offered as ASIA 354)

RELI 355 *Religion and Social Change in South Asia* (also offered as ASIA 355)

RELI 356 *Major Issues in Contemporary Islam*

RELI 361 *The Oriental Renaissance* (also offered as ASIA 361)

RELI 363 *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell* (also offered as ASIA 363)

RELI 441/525 *Popular Religion in the Middle East* (also offered as ASIA 441)

RELI 470 *Buddhist Wisdom Texts*

RELI 480/580 *Sexuality, Sanctity, and Psychoanalysis* (also offered as SWGS 470)

### **Sociology**

SOCI 323 *The Knowing Body: Buddhism, Gender, and the Social World* (also offered as ASIA 323 and SWGS 323)

### **Tibetan**

TIBT 132/133 *Tibetan Language and Culture I and II* (also offered as RELI 132/133)

TIBT 331/332 *Advanced Tibetan Language and Culture I and II* (also offered as RELI 331/332)

### **University and Residential College Courses**

RICH 280 *Clothing and Culture: Kimono as a Reflection of Modern Japanese History*

### **Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

SWGS 240 *Gender and Politicized Religion* (also offered as ASIA 240)

SWGS 250 *Political Economy of Gender* (also offered as ASIA 250)

SWGS 299 *Women in Chinese Literature* (also offered as ASIA 299 and CHIN 299)

SWGS 323 *The Knowing Body: Buddhism, Gender, and the Social World* (also offered as ASIA 323 and SOCI 323)

SWGS 340 *Gender and Politicized Religion*  
(also offered as ASIA 240)

SWGS 399 *Women in Chinese Literature*  
(also offered as ASIA 399 and CHIN 399)

SWGS 432 *Islam in South Asia*  
(also offered as ASIA 432 and HIST 432)

SWGS 470 *Sexuality, Sanctity, and  
Psychoanalysis* (also offered as RELI 480/580)

**See ASIA in the Courses of Instruction section.**