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DEGREE OFFERED: BA

Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary major that explores the national, regional, and local cultures of Asia, past and present, with a particular emphasis on the way that these diverse cultures interact with one another and with the rest of the world. The major is built around courses in the humanities and social sciences divisions as well as two team taught interdisciplinary core courses, *Introduction to Asian Civilizations* and *Perspectives on Modern Asia*. Some residential college courses may qualify for Asian Studies credit.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN ASIAN STUDIES

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements in this publication. The undergraduate Asian Studies major consists of 30 hours or more of course work. There are three basic requirements:

1. One foundational course: either ASIA 211/HART 211/HIST 206 Introduction to Asian Civilizations or ASIA 212/ANTH 212 Perspectives on Modern Asia .
2. Nine additional courses are drawn from at least three of the departments offering courses with predominantly Asian content. In the case of cross-listed courses, any one of the departments or programs appearing in the cross-listing can be used to satisfy this particular requirement.

Note: Of the 10 courses required for the Asian Studies major (that is, ASIA 211/HART 211/HIST 206, or ASIA 212/ANTH 212, plus the nine additional courses mentioned above):

- Four, but not more than four, of the 10 can be Asian language courses. (For details on the Asian Studies language requirement, see #3 below.)
- Four of the 10 must be at the 300-level or above.

3. Asian Studies majors must have the equivalent of at least two years of coursework in a single Asian language (this may include an Asian language other than those offered by Rice.) As indicated above, up to four Asian language courses can be used to satisfy the 10-course Asian Studies major requirement. Students who have placed into the third year or higher of an Asian language will have satisfied our proficiency requirement for the major. If such students continue with the same language (or decide to take another Asian language), they, too, can count up to four of these Asian language courses toward the 10-course Asian Studies major requirement.

One or more independent reading courses (ASIA 401 for the fall, ASIA 402 for the spring, ASIA 403 for the summer) taught by Asian Studies faculty may be counted towards the major, subject to approval by 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 209 *Language, Ideology, and Identity in South Asia* (also offered as ASIA 209 and LING 209)

ANTH 212 *Perspectives on Modern Asia* (also offered as ASIA 212)

ANTH 280 *Anthropology of the Middle East*

ANTH 310 *Contemporary China* (also offered as HIST 310)

ANTH 327 *Cultures of Capitalism*

ANTH 353 *Cultures of India*

ANTH 413 *Culture after Communism*

Arabic

ARAB 101/102 *Introduction to Modern Arabic Language and Culture I and II*

ARAB 201/202 *Intermediate Modern Arabic Language and Culture I and II*

ARAB 301/302 *Seminar in Arabic*

Asian Studies

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

ASIA 209 *Language, Ideology, and Identity in South Asia* (also offered as ANTH 209 and LING 209)

ASIA 211 *Introduction to Asian Civilizations* (also offered as HIST 206 and HART 211)

ASIA 212 *Perspectives on Modern Asia* (also offered as ANTH 212)

ASIA 218 *Cinema and History in North Asia* (also offered as HIST 218 and FILM 218)

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

ASIA 230 *Asian Religion in America* (RELI 230)

ASIA 231 *American Metaphysical Tradition* (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 314 *Contemporary China* (also offered as CHIN 314)

ASIA 315 *Taiwan's Films since 1980* (also offered as CHIN 315)

ASIA 318 *Religions of China and Tibet* (also offered as RELI 318)

ASIA 321 *China's Cultural Revolutions* (also offered as HIST 322)

ASIA 322 *Introduction to Buddhism* (also offered as RELI 322)

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

ASIA 330 *Introduction to Traditional Chinese Poetry* (also offered as CHIN 330 and MDST 370)

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

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

ASIA 333 *Chinese in Cultural Discourse* (also offered as CHIN 331)

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

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

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

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

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

ASIA 350 *History and Politics of Central Asia*

ASIA 360 *China and the Chinese Diaspora*

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

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

ASIA 371 *Traditional Chinese Painting* (also offered as HART 371)

ASIA 372 *Chinese Art and Visual Culture* (also offered as HART 372 and MDST 373)

ASIA 374 *Art and Religion in China* (also offered as HART 374 and RELI 374)

ASIA 380 *The Asian American Experience*

ASIA 381 *Media: Focus on Modern Japan*

ASIA 382 *Analyzing Modern Japanese Society through Novels*

ASIA 389 *Migrations and Diasporas* (also offered as HIST 389)

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

ASIA 401/402 /403 *Independent Reading*

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

ASIA 441 *Magic and Popular Religion* (also offered as RELI 441/525)

ASIA 474 *Boundaries in Later Chinese Art*

ASIA 490 *Colonial Modernity in East Asia* (also offered as HIST 490)

ASIA 492 *Gender Histories of Modern China* (also offered as HIST 492 and SWGS 492)

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 222/223 *AP Credit in Chinese Language*

CHIN 301/302 *Intermediate Chinese I and II*

CHIN 303 *Chinese for Oral Communication*

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

CHIN 313 *Advanced Intermediate Chinese: Media Chinese*

CHIN 314 *Contemporary China* (also offered as ASIA 314)

CHIN 315 *Taiwan's Films since 1980* (also offered as ASIA 315)

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 331 *Chinese Cultural Discourses* (also offered as ASIA 333)

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 335)

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)

Film

FILM 218 *Cinema and History in North Asia* (also offered as ASIA 218 and HIST 218)

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* (also offered as ASIA 331)

HIND 398/399 *Hindi Teaching Practicum*

History

HIST 206 *Introduction to Asian Civilizations*
(also offered as ASIA 211 and HART 211)

HIST 218 *Cinema and History in North Asia*
(also offered as ASIA 218 and FILM 218)

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 277 *History of the Ottoman Empire, 1453–1918*

HIST 278 *The Arab World in the 20th Century, 1918–Present*

HIST 281 *The Middle East from the Prophet Muhammad to Sulayman The Magnificent*

HIST 283 *Women in the Modern Islamic World*

HIST 302 *Traditional Chinese Culture*

HIST 310 *Contemporary China* (also offered as ANTH 310)

HIST 319 *Fortune-Tellers and Philosophers*

HIST 320 *Imperial Gardens*

HIST 322 *China's Cultural Revolutions* (also offered as ASIA 321)

HIST 341 *Premodern China*

HIST 342 *Modern China*

HIST 360 *Empire and Film*

HIST 364 *Central Asian Conquest Empires*

HIST 367 *America and the Middle East*

HIST 377 *History of the Ottoman Empire, 1453–1918*

HIST 378 *The Arab World in the 20th century, 1918–Present*

HIST 382 *Classical Islamic Cultures*

HIST 389 *Migrations and Diasporas* (also offered as ASIA 389)

HIST 424 *Raj and Resistance*

HIST 433 *The Arab-Israeli Conflict*

HIST 434 *Islam and the West*

HIST 435 *Colonialism and Nationalism in the Modern Middle East*

HIST 436 *America in the Middle East*

HIST 439 *Comparative Slavery*

HIST 472 *Networks in Chinese Society*

HIST 490 *Colonial Modernity in East Asia*
(also offered as ASIA 490)

HIST 492 *Gender Histories of Modern China*
(also offered as ASIA 492 and SWGS 492)

HIST 493 *Early Modern Islamic Empires*

HIST 494 *Mughal History*

HIST 495 *Comparative Modernization of China and Japan*

History of Art

HART 211 *Introduction to Asian Civilization*
(also offered as ASIA 211 and HIST 206)

HART 220 *Istanbul: Life of an Imperial City*
(also offered as ARCH 220)

HART 221 *Introduction to the Arts and Architecture of the Islamic World* (also offered as ARCH 221)

HART 317 *Constantinople / Istanbul* (also offered as ARCH 361)

HART 321 *Visual Culture of the Islamic World I* (also offered as ARCH 331)

HART 322 *Visual Culture of the Islamic World II* (also offered as ARCH 332)

HART 323 *Ten Monuments of the Islamic World* (also offered as ARCH 328)

HART 324 *The Pen and the Brush: The Arts of the Book in the Islamic World*

HART 325 *What is Islamic Art?*

HART 327 *Art and Empire: The Ottoman World*

HART 328 *Cities in the Muslim Mediterranean* (also offered as ARCH 373)

HART 338 *Landmarks in Israeli Art*

HART 371 *Traditional Chinese Painting* (also offered as ASIA 371)

HART 372 *Chinese Art and Visual Culture*
(also offered as ASIA 372 and MDST 373)

HART 374 *Art and Religion in China* (also offered as ASIA 374 and RELI 374)

HART 427 *Urban Culture in the Muslim Mediterranean* (also offered as ARCH 477)

Japanese

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

- JAPA 201/202 *Intermediate Japanese I and II*
 JAPA 222/223 *AP Credit in Japanese Language*
 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 425 *Japanese for Science and Technology*
 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 346 *Korean Culture and Society* (also offered as ASIA 346)
 KORE 398/399 *Korean Teaching Practicum*

Linguistics

- LING 209 *Language, Ideology, and Identity in South Asia* (also offered as ANTH 209 and ASIA 209)
 LING 321 *Structure of Chinese: Syntax and Semantics* (also offered as CHIN 321)
 LING 370 *Structure of Japanese* (also offered as JAPA 370)

Medieval Studies

- MDST 370 *Introduction to Traditional Chinese Poetry* (also offered as ASIA 330 and CHIN 330)
 MDST 373 *Chinese Art and Visual Culture* (also offered as ASIA 372 and HART 372)
 MDST 375 *Introduction to Classical Chinese* (also offered as ASIA 335 and CHIN 335)
 MDST 379 *Women in Chinese Literature* (also offered as ASIA 399 and SWGS 399)

Political Science

- POLI 250 *Political Economy of Gender* (also offered as SWGS 250)
 POLI 460 *Seminar in Comparative Government*

Policy Studies

- POST 455 *Contemporary Middle East: Politics, Policy, and Culture*

Religious Studies

- RELI 131 *Introduction to Tibetan Language and Culture I* (also offered as TIBT 131)
 RELI 132 *Advanced Tibetan Language and Culture I* (also offered as TIBT 132)
 RELI 140 *Introduction to Chinese Religions* (also offered as ASIA 140)
 RELI 221 *Life of the Prophet Muhammad* (also offered as ASIA 221)
 RELI 223 *Qur'an and Commentary*
 RELI 225 *Revolutionary Islam: Shi'ism*
 RELI 230 *Asian Religion in America* (also offered as ASIA 230)
 RELI 231 *American Metaphysical Religion* (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 315 *Gender and Islam* (also offered as SWGS 315)
 RELI 318 *Religions of China and Tibet* (also offered as ASIA 318)
 RELI 322 *Introduction to Buddhism* (also offered as ASIA 322)
 RELI 323 *Knowing the Body: Buddhism, Gender and the Social World* (also offered as ASIA 323 and SWGS 323)
 RELI 328 *Tantra in Comparative Perspective*
 RELI 333 *Knowing Body/Glowing Mind*
 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 374 *Art and Religion in China* (also
offered as ASIA 374 and HART 374)

RELI 433 *Tibetan Language and Culture*

RELI 440 *Islam's Mystical and Esoteric
Tradition*

RELI 441/525 *Magic and Popular Religion*
(also offered as ASIA 441)

RELI 442 *Classical Arabic Texts*

RELI 470 *Buddhist Wisdom Texts*

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

Russian

RUSS 101/102 *Introduction to Russian I
and II*

RUSS 201/202 *Intermediate Russian I and II*

RUSS 301/302 *Conversation and
Composition I and II*

RUSS 303 *Special Topics*

RUSS 305 *Advanced Russian Across the
Curriculum*

RUSS 319 *Structure of Russian*

RUSS 323 *Pre-20th Century Russian
Literature and Culture*

RUSS 325 *20th Century Russian Literature
and Culture*

RUSS 450 *Independent Study*

Sociology

SOCI 332 *Contemporary Chinese Society*

Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality

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

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

SWGS 315 *Gender and Islam* (also offered as
RELI 315)

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

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

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

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

SWGS 492 *Gender Histories of Modern China*
(also offered as ASIA 492 and HIST 492)

Tibetan

TIBT 131 *Introduction to Tibetan Language
and Culture I* (also offered as RELI 131)

TIBT 132 *Advanced Tibetan Language and
Culture* (also offered as RELI 132)

See ASIA in the Courses of Instruction section.