

# Asian Studies

The interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies provides an avenue for students to investigate the heritage and contemporary developments of Asia from many disciplines, including anthropology, fine arts, history, modern languages, philosophy, political science, sociology, and theology.

Asia is defined broadly in this program as the nations of Northeast, East, Southeast, and South Asia (e.g., Japan, Korea, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Laos, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar/Burma, India, and Pakistan).

The minor also includes courses that focus on Asian Diasporas, including Asian American communities in the United States. Faculty members from many departments teach established Asian studies courses, and they also offer courses on special topics.



## THE MINOR

### *Why Asian studies?*

Whether you want to gain advantage in the international world of business, explore your own Asian heritage, study Asian medical systems, or simply learn more about this fascinating part of the world, choosing to minor in Asian studies will enhance your marketability. The Asian studies minor effectively complements a variety of majors, including anthropology, history, fine arts, political science, sociology, literature, theology, marketing, and finance. Students who plan to continue their studies with an advanced degree in Asian studies or a related field can lay their educational groundwork at Loyola University Chicago.

Our society is becoming increasingly more global and ethnically diverse. Asians in the American labor force are expected to triple to 10 million within the next 30 years. Asian businesses have become transnational leaders in the fields of international trade, finance, and technology.

## REQUIREMENTS

The Asian studies minor consists of six courses (18 credit hours) completed with a grade of "C" or better, including one required course.

Two of the courses taken for the minor must be at the 300 level, and no more than three courses from any one department may count toward the minor. Coursework in Asian languages is not required, but courses in Asian languages may count toward the required coursework in Asian studies.

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Minors must complete an “Intent to Declare” form and submit the form to the Asian studies program director and then to their dean. For more information, please contact the Asian studies director.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

**ASIA 101—Explorations in Asian Studies:** This required variable topics course introduces students both to Asia as a geographical region and to the field of Asian studies. Different sections of this course will focus on various themes to reflect the interests and expertise of the instructor. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: Asian Civilizations, Modern Asia, History of Asia, Religions of Asia, or Asian Diasporas. The course will remain thematically focused but geographically broad in order to expose students to Asia’s diverse countries and cultures. To this end, the course will normally cover materials from East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

### Selected Cross-listed Course Offerings

In addition to introductory courses, these are *some* of the courses offered on a regular basis.

### ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

- ASIA 215 (ANTH 215)** Contemporary Japanese Culture  
**ASIA 219 (ANTH 218)** Contemporary Cultures of Southeast Asia  
**ASIA 223 (ANTH 223)** East Asian Popular Culture  
**ASIA 271 (ANTH 271)** Globalization and Local Cultures (selected sections with Asian content)

### COMMUNICATION (CMUN)

- ASIA 323 (CMUN 323)** Film Genre: Asian Cinema (variable topic)

### ENGLISH (ENGL)

- ASIA 291 (ENGL 292)** South Asian Literatures and Civilizations  
**ASIA 315 (ENGL 315)** South Asian Literatures in Translation

### FINE ARTS (FNAR)

- ASIA 357 (FNAR 357)** Art of Indian Asia  
**ASIA 358 (FNAR 358)** Art and Culture of China  
**ASIA 359 (FNAR 359)** Art and Culture of Japan

### HISTORY (HIST)

- ASIA 108 (HIST 108)** East Asia since 1500  
**ASIA 109 (HIST 109)** Survey of Islamic History  
**ASIA 296 (HIST 296)** Women in East Asia  
**ASIA 341 (HIST 342)** Traditional China to 1500  
**ASIA 344 (HIST 344)** Early Modern China, 1550 - 1800  
**ASIA 345 (HIST 345)** Reform and Revolution in China, 1800 - 1949  
**ASIA 346 (HIST 346)** China since 1949  
**ASIA 347 (HIST 347)** Japan 1640 - 1945  
**ASIA 348 (HIST 348)** Japan: World War II to the Present  
**ASIA 389 (HIST 389)** The Vietnam War  
**ASIA 391 (HIST 391)** Asian American History  
**ASIA 397 (HIST 300)** Topics: South Asian History

## MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

- ASIA 243 (LITR 343)** South Asian Literature  
**ASIA 244 (LITR 244)** Indian Film  
**ASIA 245 (LITR 245)** Japanese Masterpieces  
(Various courses) Chinese  
(Various courses) Hindi-Urdu  
(Various courses) Japanese

## PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

- ASIA 335 (PHIL 335)** Philosophies of the East

## POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSC)

- ASIA 343 (PLSC 345)** South and Southeast Asian Politics

## SOCIOLOGY (SOCL)

- ASIA 122 (SOCL 122)** Race and Ethnic Relations  
**ASIA 280 (SOCL 280)** Asian American Experience (variable topic)

## THEOLOGY (THEO)

- ASIA 114 (THEO 114)** Introduction to the Qu’ran  
**ASIA 195 (THEO 195)** Introduction to Islam  
**ASIA 196 (THEO 196)** Introduction to Hinduism  
**ASIA 197 (THEO 197)** Introduction to Buddhism  
**ASIA 199 (THEO 199)** Religions of Asia  
**ASIA 297 (THEO 177)** World Religions (selected sections)  
**ASIA 350 (THEO 350)** Topics in Islam  
**ASIA 351 (THEO 351)** Topics in Hinduism  
**ASIA 352 (THEO 352)** Topics in Buddhism  
**ASIA 364 (THEO 364)** Islamic Mysticism  
**ASIA 365 (THEO 365)** Women, Gender, and Embodiment in Islam  
**ASIA 366 (THEO 366)** Contemporary Islamic Thought and Movements

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