

Asian Studies, Minor

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The countries and cultures of Asia are significant participants in the world community. They present compellingly different models for social organization, historical development, and cultural commitments. The many countries of this large and complex region provide challenges and opportunities whether one plans to be a scholar, a business person, or a diplomat. The minor in Asian Studies draws upon the expertise of faculty throughout UCI to create opportunities for students to explore Asian topics in a variety of fields, to develop advanced language skills, and to acquire a broader perspective as they apply the disciplinary training of their major field to effective and informed studies of Asian subjects. The minor is open to all UCI students.

Requirements for the Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian Studies

Students choose one country and language of specialization. At the present the Asian Studies minor focuses on China, Japan, or Korea.

Requirements for the minor are met by taking eight courses (of which no more than four may be lower-division) as specified below.

A. One upper-division History course with a focus on Asia approved by the director.	
B. Three quarters of course work in one Asian language of specialization beyond the first-year level. Approved courses are:	
1. Second-, third-, or fourth-year language: ¹	
CHINESE 2A- 2B- 2C	Intermediate Mandarin Chinese and Intermediate Mandarin Chinese and Intermediate Mandarin Chinese
CHINESE 103A- 103B- 103C	Advanced Mandarin Chinese and Advanced Mandarin Chinese and Advanced Mandarin Chinese
JAPANESE 2A- 2B- 2C	Intermediate Japanese and Intermediate Japanese and Intermediate Japanese
JAPANESE 103A- 103B- 103C	Advanced Japanese and Advanced Japanese and Advanced Japanese
JAPANESE 104A	Fourth Year Japanese
KOREAN 2A- 2B- 2C	Intermediate Korean and Intermediate Korean and Intermediate Korean
KOREAN 103A- 103B- 103C	Advanced Korean and Advanced Korean and Advanced Korean
KOREAN 104A	Fourth-Year Korean
Other sequences in Asian languages as available.	
2. Either Classical Chinese or Classical Japanese:	
CHINESE 100A- 100B- 100C	Classical Chinese and Classical Chinese and Classical Chinese
JAPANESE 100A- 100B	Classical Japanese and Classical Japanese (plus a third quarter of Japanese language study)
3. Literature courses taught in the original language: ²	
CHINESE 115	Topics in Chinese Literature: Advanced Texts
Or graduate seminars	
C. Select four additional courses from the following: ³	
ART HIS 150	Studies in Asian Art
EAS 55	Introduction to East Asian Cultures
EAS 110	Topics in Chinese Literature and Society
EAS 116	Topics in East Asian Religions
EAS 155	Topics in Cultural Studies in East Asia
EAS 140	Topics in Korean Literature and Society

EAS 150	Topics in East Asian Literature in Translation
EAS 170	Topics in Gender in East Asia
INTL ST 176C	Political Power in Contemporary China
REL STD 120	Topics in Asian Religious Traditions
POL SCI 142B	The International Relations of East Asia
POL SCI 151B	Political Power in Contemporary China

¹ These courses require placement examinations given by the Academic Testing Center. Students who, for example, place out of CHINESE 2B would then take CHINESE 2C, CHINESE 103A-CHINESE 103B to meet the requirement.

² These courses have a prerequisite of completion of the fourth-year language sequence or its equivalent.

³ At least two of these courses must be taken in one (or more) department(s) other than the student's major department. The courses must cover at least two different Asian countries, one of which is the country of language specialization. No more than two of the courses may be lower-division (and only one may be lower-division if any combination of second- or third-year East Asian language is used for the language required above).

NOTE: A maximum overlap of two courses is permitted between this minor and a student's major.

Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division (or graduate) courses must be successfully completed at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate department chair.

- Chinese Language and Literature, Minor
- Chinese Studies, B.A.
- Chinese Studies, Minor
- East Asian Cultures, B.A.
- East Asian Studies, Ph.D.
- Japanese Language and Literature, B.A.
- Japanese Language and Literature, Minor
- Japanese Studies, Minor
- Korean Literature and Culture, B.A.
- Korean Literature and Culture, Minor