

ASIA-PACIFIC AND NORTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

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Academic Advising

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This interdisciplinary minor is for students whose interests focus on the humanities and social sciences and Asia's role in global systems and the cultural mosaic of human experience.

Asia is the birthplace of many great religious and cultural traditions. It is a region in rapid and profound transformation. With half of the world's population and half of its land mass, Asia is destined to play an increasingly important role in the global economy and world politics. This minor will give students a better understanding of an important region of the world, broaden their perspective, and provide an edge in seeking jobs in various government agencies, international organizations, private businesses, law firms, and non-profit organizations that deal with Asia. It prepares students for graduate studies in the humanities or social sciences. This minor complements many majors including history, anthropology, communication, economics, and government and politics.

Faculty

Butler, Chang, Cuong, DeCaroli, Hinton, H. Nguyen (co-director), Lin, Paden, Platt (co-director), Ro, Wan, Zhang

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and nine of the 18 credits required must be at the 300 and 400 level. Three credits of Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at the intermediate level (200-level) or above may be applied to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

It is recommended that students interested in this minor take language courses in Chinese, Korean, or Japanese.

Core Courses

Select two core courses (6 credits) from the following: 6

One course (3 credits) in a language relevant to the area such as Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at the 200-level (or higher)

ARTH 203 Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)

GOVT 333 Government and Politics of Asia

HIST 251 Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)

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RELI 212 Religions of Asia (Mason Core)

Total Credits 6

Electives

Select four electives (12 credits) from the following: ¹ 12

ANTH 306 Peoples and Cultures of Island Asia (Mason Core)

ARTH 384 Arts of China (Mason Core)

ARTH 385 Arts of Japan (Mason Core)

ARTH 386 The Silk Road (Mason Core)

CHIN 310 Survey of Chinese Literature (Mason Core)

CHIN 311 Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (Mason Core)

CHIN 320 Contemporary Chinese Film

CHIN 325 Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)

CHIN 470 Special Topics in Chinese Studies

GOVT 341 Chinese Foreign Policy

GOVT 433 Political Economy of East Asia

HIST 353 History of Traditional China

HIST 354 Modern China

HIST 356 Modern Japan (Mason Core)

HIST 357 Postwar Japan (Mason Core)

RELI 314 Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions

RELI 315 Buddhism (Mason Core)

RELI 317 Daoism

RELI 337 Mysticism: East and West

Total Credits 12

¹ Any course from the list of core course options not used to fulfill that requirement may be used as an elective course. Other electives are possible, including special topics courses when focused on this region (e.g. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core), HIST 387 Topics in Global History (Mason Core), HNRS 122 Reading the Arts (Topic Varies), HNRS 230 Cross-Cultural Perspectives (Topic Varies)) and approved study abroad courses or internships, when relevant, with prior written approval of the director.