Asian Studies, BA

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Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Major: Asian Studies

Program Overview

Asian studies have become an increasingly important area of study in North American colleges and universities. This is due in part to a growing acknowledgment that Asian cultures are of significance both regionally and globally. The Asian Studies Program offers students the opportunity to explore these cultures from a multidisciplinary perspective so that they are able to understand the social, cultural, political, and other forces that shape and have shaped Asian nations.

The Asian Studies Program draws on faculty and courses from such departments as anthropology, art history and art, economics, modern languages and literatures, history, philosophy, political science, and religious studies. A current list of approved courses is available from the program advisor. Departmental seminars and senior capstone courses in the Asian Studies Program may count toward the completion of the SAGES General Education Requirements.

Students are encouraged to take courses in different disciplines in order to obtain broad exposure to the languages, literature, art, culture, religious traditions, and political, economic, and social institutions of Asian countries. The Asian Studies Program also offers an honors program to qualified majors.

In addition to course offerings, the Asian Studies Program sponsors extracurricular activities that enhance the formal study of Asia and give students additional opportunities to explore and understand Asia's importance in the global community. The program sponsors lectures and films and administers a website devoted to Asia. It also encourages students to participate in study abroad programs in Asian countries and to utilize Asian resources at the Cleveland Museum of Art and other local institutions.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Accelerated Master's Programs

Undergraduate students may participate in accelerated programs toward graduate or professional degrees. For more information and details of the policies and procedures related to accelerated studies, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Department Faculty

Ananya Dasgupta, PhD
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Assistant Professor, Department of History

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Distinguished University Professor and John Reynolds Harkness Professor, Department of Anthropology; Co-Director, Center for Research on Tibet

Kelly M. McMann, PhD
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Peter Yang, PhD
(University of Utah)
Associate Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Program Requirements

Students seeking to complete this major and degree program must meet the general requirements for bachelor's degrees and the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students completing this program as a secondary major while completing another undergraduate degree program do not need to satisfy the latter set of requirements.

The Asian Studies major, which leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree, consists of 31 credit hours, including:

- At least 16 credit hours (two years) of Chinese or Japanese language
- 15 credit hours of Asia-related courses, selected in consultation with the program advisor

The 15 hours in Asia-related courses must be at the 200 or 300 level and come from at least three different departments.

Courses Available in Asian Studies

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### Honors Program

Asian Studies Honors is a semester-long program for Asian studies majors, normally taken during the senior year, which involves researching and writing an honors thesis. Honors program requirements include the completion of 12 semester hours of approved Asia-related courses, at least two semesters of study of an Asian language, and maintenance of a GPA of at least 3.0 overall and 3.2 in Asian studies courses.

A participating student enrolls in ASIA 398 and writes a thesis under the direction of an Asian Studies faculty member. The student also receives guidance from a second reader, who must be a member of the Asian Studies Program. A third reader, who need not be a member of the Asian Studies Program, is optional. Each student must maintain regular contact with the program director.

*These courses are simultaneously offered at the 400 level for graduate students.*

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| ASIA 288 | Imperial China: The Great Qing | 3 |
| ASIA 289 | Reform, Revolution, Republicans: China 1895 to Present | 3 |
| ASIA 320 | Chinese Popular Culture | 3 |
| ASIA 330 | Chinese Cinema | 3 |
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with the supervising faculty member in the various stages of researching and writing the thesis. Detailed guidelines and deadlines for the course are available from the program advisor.