

Asian Studies (Minor)

The Asian Studies Minor is no longer accepting new students.

The minor in Asian Studies provides a broad background in the cultures, histories, languages, political systems, and religious formations of Asia. By engaging a variety of disciplinary perspectives, students become attuned to Asia's diversity — its many models of social organization, political developments, historical transformations, and ideologies — while gaining an overall understanding of Asia as a region of particular importance, both historically and in the contemporary global context. Although study abroad is not required for the Asian Studies minor, it is both recognized and encouraged. Students are eligible to apply for one semester or one-year programs with Mary Baldwin international exchange partners: Doshisha Women's College in Kyoto, Japan; Soka University in Tokyo, Japan; Kansai Gaidai in Osaka, Japan; Sungshin Women's University in Seoul, South Korea; National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan; or Lady Doak College, in Madurai, India. Students may also study at other recognized institutions in Asia.

Civic Engagement Opportunities

- English Conversation Partners — student volunteers are paired with Mary Baldwin international students to help them with spoken English
- MBU Ambassadors — student volunteers assist with international student programming, particularly during student orientation
- Cosmos International Club— student organization

Department: [Asian Studies](#)

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Requirements for the Minor in Asian Studies

One of the courses below

Item #	Title	Credits
AS 106	ISSUES IN ASIA (I)	3
AS 212	ASIAN RELIGIONS (H)	3

15 additional semester hours of Asian Studies courses from among those listed below

(Or 12 additional s.h. if both AS 106 and AS 212 are completed)

Up to 6 credits for intermediate Japanese language. *Prerequisite: JPNS 101, 102.

With prior approval, intermediate level language courses and Asian Studies courses taken at a recognized college or university in Asia may be included in the Asian Studies Minor. In addition, students may also earn up to 6 s.h. for a pre-approved internship, either in Asia or with an Asian company or organization in the United States.

Item #	Title	Credits
JPNS 201	INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE I (F)	3
JPNS 202	INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE II (F)	3
AS 201	ARTS OF ASIA: INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN (H)	3
AS 246	MODERN JAPAN (I)	3
AS 247	MODERN INDIA (I)	3
AS 251	GENDER IN ASIAN CULTURES (IGW)	3
AS 253	CHINA TRADITION & TRANSFORMATION (I)	3
AS 275	BUDDHISM (HW)	3
AS 278	HINDUISM (HW)	3
	Total credits:	18