

ASIAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (6002)

Program Coordinator

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Asian Studies

The Asian Studies major at WKU is interdisciplinary, drawing on a wide range of fields including Religious Studies, History, Geography, Modern Languages, Political Science, Anthropology, Art, and others. The major facilitates the understanding of the continent and its peoples, including their languages, religions, cultures, history, and politics. It provides students with an understanding of the Asian past and the knowledge to put current issues and problems into broader historical, religious, cultural, and political contexts. The flexible program pairs well with many majors to advance students' academic and professional goals.

Program Requirements (30 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
Religion (6 Hours)		
Select two of the following courses:		6
RELS 102	World Religions	
RELS 302	Buddhism	
RELS 303	Hinduism	
RELS 306	Islam	
RELS 317	Confucianism	
RELS 318	Daoism	
RELS 319	Religions of Asia	
RELS 322	Pilgrimage, Islam and Modernity	
RELS 335	Islam, Sexuality, and Gender	
Language (6 Hours)		
Select one of the following one-year sequences:		6
CHIN 101 & CHIN 102	Elementary Chinese I and Elementary Chinese II	
CHIN 201 & CHIN 202	Intermediate Chinese I and Intermediate Chinese II	
CHIN 301 & CHIN 302	Advanced Intermediate Chinese I and Advanced Intermediate Chinese II	
CHNF 101 & CHNF 102	Intensive Elementary Chinese I and Intensive Elementary Chinese II	
CHNF 201 & CHNF 202	Intensive Intermediate Chinese I and Intensive Intermediate Chinese II	

CHNF 301 & CHNF 302	Intensive Advanced Chinese I and Intensive Advanced Chinese II	
JAPN 101 & JAPN 102	Elementary Japanese I and Elementary Japanese II	
History and Politics (6 Hours)		
Select two of the following courses:		6
HIST 351	Asian American History	
HIST 370	Modern South Asia: from Empires to Nations	
HIST 378	History of Yoga: Tradition, Literature, Practice	
HIST 379	Gandhi: The Creation of a Global Legacy	
HIST 449	Korea and Vietnam	
HIST 460	Traditional East Asia	
HIST 461	Modern East Asia	
HIST 462	History of the Middle East	
HIST 466	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Local and Global Influences	
HIST 471	Modern China	
HIST 472	Modern Japan	
IA 352	International Relations of the Middle East	
PS 359	Politics of North Korea	
PS 364	Chinese Politics	
IA 365	Government and Politics of the Middle East	
PS 366	Government and Politics in East Asia	
Electives (9 Hours)		
Select three of the following courses not already counted toward the major from at least two different areas of study:		9
ANTH 333	The Archaeology of Ancient China	
ARC 401	Topics in Asian Religions and Cultures	
ARC 498	Study in Asian Religions and Cultures	
ART 407	Islamic Art and Architecture	
CHIN 101	Elementary Chinese I	
CHIN 102	Elementary Chinese II	
CHIN 201	Intermediate Chinese I	
CHIN 202	Intermediate Chinese II	
CHIN 208	Chinese Calligraphy	
CHIN 301	Advanced Intermediate Chinese I	
CHIN 302	Advanced Intermediate Chinese II	
CHIN 401	Advanced Chinese I	
CHIN 402	Advanced Chinese II	
CHNF 201	Intensive Intermediate Chinese I	
CHNF 202	Intensive Intermediate Chinese II	
CHNF 301	Intensive Advanced Chinese I	
CHNF 302	Intensive Advanced Chinese II	
CHNF 420	Media Chinese	
CHNF 430	Chinese Culture	
CHNF 440	Chinese Tradition	

CHNF 450	Classical Chinese
GEOG 465	Geography of East Asia
HIST 351	Asian American History
HIST 370	Modern South Asia: from Empires to Nations
HIST 378	History of Yoga: Tradition, Literature, Practice
HIST 379	Gandhi: The Creation of a Global Legacy
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HIST 460	Traditional East Asia
HIST 461	Modern East Asia
HIST 462	History of the Middle East
HIST 466	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Local and Global Influences
HIST 471	Modern China
HIST 472	Modern Japan
JAPN 101	Elementary Japanese I
JAPN 102	Elementary Japanese II
JAPN 201	Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II
IA 352	International Relations of the Middle East
PS 359	Politics of North Korea
PS 364	Chinese Politics
IA 365	Government and Politics of the Middle East
PS 366	Government and Politics in East Asia
RELS 100	The New Testament
RELS 101	The Old Testament/ Hebrew Scriptures
RELS 102	World Religions
RELS 302	Buddhism
RELS 303	Hinduism
RELS 306	Islam
RELS 317	Confucianism
RELS 318	Daoism
RELS 319	Religions of Asia
RELS 322	Pilgrimage, Islam and Modernity
RELS 335	Islam, Sexuality, and Gender
Senior Seminar (3 Hours)	
Select one of the following courses:	
RELS 496	Senior Seminar
HIST 498	Senior Seminar
HON 404	Honors Thesis / Project II
Total Hours	30

Note: students must take courses from at least four different programs. At least 15 hours must be at the 300-level or above. A second major or minor is required.

Finish in Four Plan - Asian Studies (6002)

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
COMM 145 or ENG 100		3 COMM 145 or ENG 100	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 RELS 102	3
Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences		3 MATH 109 (or higher)	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science w/lab	3
Asian Language Course (101)		3 Asian Language Course (102)	3
		15	15
Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Asian Studies Elective (or additional language work)		3 Asian Studies Elective (or additional language work)	3
Asian History or Politics Course		3 Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)	3
ENG 200		3 Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global)	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Asian Religion Course		3 Asian Studies Elective	3
ENG 300		3 Asian History or Politics Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Asian Studies Senior Seminar		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15
Total Hours 120			