

Asian Studies

Overview

The Faculty Group in Asian Studies administers an interdisciplinary program leading to BA, MA, and PhD degrees. Utilizing the faculty and facilities of the entire university, these degree programs cut across conventional disciplinary lines and emphasize a basic core of knowledge concerning one particular geographic area of Asia. Within this core, which requires course work in multiple departments and reading knowledge of at least one Asian language, regionally-oriented students have the freedom to plan an individual program according to their particular interests and approaches. No two programs are alike, and students work closely with the Student Affairs office and with a faculty mentor in designing their customized academic plan. The Group also offers concurrent degree programs with the Schools of Journalism and Law as well as an undergraduate minor. The Group is supported in its efforts by the Institute of East Asian Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu>), the International and Area Studies Teaching Program (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu>) and the Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies of the College of Letters and Science. (<http://ls.berkeley.edu/?q=about-college/l-s-divisions/undergraduate-division/ugis>)

UC Berkeley has long been noted for its outstanding scholarship in the area of Asian Studies. A faculty group and an interdisciplinary graduate program on Asia was first established in 1949 under the name Asiatic Studies. The name was changed to Asian Studies in 1959. An interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Asian Studies was established in 1975. More than seventy faculty members and fifteen departments are presently engaged in teaching and research concerning Asia. These resources are supplemented by extensive library facilities and by the programs of five major area centers that offer lecture series and colloquia throughout the year. The Bay Area itself, with its Asian ethnic communities, museums, performing arts, monasteries, and trade centers provides unlimited cultural opportunities for the student interested in reaching beyond the confines of the University.

Student and Faculty Resources

The Institute of East Asian Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu>), of which the Group in Asian Studies is a part, also supports other programs and affiliates related to areas of interest to students and faculty in Asian Studies. For further information, please see the Center for Chinese Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu/ccs>), the Center for Japanese Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu/cjs>), the Center for Korean Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu/cks>), and the Center for Buddhist Studies (<http://buddhiststudies.berkeley.edu>).

Other campus centers of interest to students and faculty include the Institute for South Asia Studies (<http://southasia.berkeley.edu>) and the Center for Southeast Asia Studies (<http://cseas.berkeley.edu>).

Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies

The Berkeley Student Journal of Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary student journal that bridges research at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Journal strives to broaden the study of Asia across disciplinary lines and to expand the Asian Studies community by promoting leadership and scholarship of Asia. For further information, please click here (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu/gas/sjas>).

Undergraduate Programs

The undergraduate programs are administered by the International and Area Studies Teaching Program (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu>).
 Asian Studies: China (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>) : BA
 Asian Studies: Japan (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-japan>) : BA
 Asian Studies: Multi-Area (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-multi-area>) : BA
 Chinese Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>) : Minor
 Japanese Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/japanese-studies>) : Minor
 Korean Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/korean-language>) : Minor

Graduate Programs

Asian Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/asian-studies>) : MA or PhD

Asian Studies

ASIANST 10 Introduction to Asia 4 Units

This course is designed to interest students in Asian cultures early in their undergraduate studies. Topics such as trade, social and political formations, religions, food, and expressive culture that have been important in history as well as in contemporary times in East, South, and Southeast Asia will serve as unifying themes. Comparative thinking across regions of Asia and the perspectives of multiple disciplines will be brought to bear on the themes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 10A-10B

ASIANST 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Group discussion, research and reporting on selected topics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of Instructor required

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ASIANST 150 Special Topics 4 Units

Advanced research in current issues or regions of Asian studies. The course will focus on specific areas or topics with appropriate comparative material included. Topics change each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

ASIANST H195A Senior Honors 3 Units

Supervised readings or field research on a significant problem in Asian Studies, collection and analysis of research materials, and the preparation of an honors dissertation in close consultation with two members of the faculty.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to seniors in the group major in Asian Studies whose GPA is 3.5 or higher in all university work and 3.6 or higher in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

ASIANST H195B Senior Honors 3 Units

Supervised readings or field research on a significant problem in Asian Studies, collection and analysis of research materials, and the preparation of an honors dissertation in close consultation with two members of the faculty.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to seniors in the group major in Asian Studies whose GPA is 3.5 or higher in all university work and 3.6 or higher in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

ASIANST 197 Field Studies 2 - 4 Units

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of Asian studies in off-campus locations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit if field study is distinct from previous. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ASIANST 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Directed group study of special topics approved by the chair of the Group in Asian Studies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ASIANST 199 Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Directed individual study on topics approved by the chair of the Group in Asian Studies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Written proposal must be approved by faculty adviser

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

ASIANST 201 Asian Studies Proseminar 1 Unit

This course is required of all first-year graduate students and supervised by a regular faculty member. The seminar will familiarize students with faculty, their Asian interests, research methods, and the courses they teach. It consists of presentations by faculty on their past, present, and future research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 15 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

ASIANST 298 Directed Group Study 2 - 6 Units

Group study of selected topics that vary from term to term.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

ASIANST 299 Independent Study 1 - 7 Units

Directed reading in subject matter not covered in scheduled seminar offerings.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.