

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 Faculty Group also offers concurrent graduate degree programs with the Schools of Journalism and Law, and an undergraduate minor. The group is supported in its efforts by the Institute of East Asian Studies (<http://ieas.berkeley.edu>) and the International and Area Studies Teaching Program (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu>).

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 were 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 70 faculty members and 15 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.

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 Asian 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 Program

The undergraduate group major in Asian studies is a rigorous but flexible interdisciplinary program designed to assist students in taking advantage of the rich course offerings in the Asian field campus-wide in a way that is not available through individual departments. There are three concentrations from which a student in the major may select: (1) a multi-area thematic concentration; (2) a concentration on China; (3) a concentration on Japan. "Multi-area" includes all countries and regions of Asia. One of the areas chosen must be either China or Japan. Other areas can include Korea and countries in South Asia or Southeast Asia. The Group in Asian Studies also offers opportunities to pursue a minor.

Asian Studies: China (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>) : BA
 Asian Studies: Japan (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-japan>) : BA

Asian Studies: Multi-Area (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-multi-area>) : BA
 Chinese Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>) : Minor
 Japanese Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/japanese-studies>) : Minor
 Korean Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/korean-language>) : Minor

Graduate Program

Asian Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/graduate/degree-programs/asian-studies/#abouttheprogramtext>) : MA, MA/MJ, PhD

Asian Studies

ASIANST 10 Introduction to Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

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.

Introduction to Asia: Read More [+]

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

Introduction to Asia: Read Less [-]

ASIANST 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Group discussion, research and reporting on selected topics.

Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

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.

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.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

ASIANST 150 Special Topics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Special Topics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

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.

Special Topics: Read Less [-]

ASIANST H195A Senior Honors 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Senior Honors: Read More [+]

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.

Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

ASIANST H195B Senior Honors 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Senior Honors: Read More [+]

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.

Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

ASIANST 197 Field Studies 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 1999

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

Field Studies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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.

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.

Field Studies: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ASIANST 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

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

Directed Group Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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.

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.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ASIANST 199 Independent Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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

Independent Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

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.

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.

Independent Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ASIANST 201 Asian Studies Proseminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

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.

Asian Studies Proseminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Asian Studies/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Asian Studies Proseminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ASIANST 298 Directed Group Study 2 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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

Directed Group Study: [Read More](#) [+]

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.

Directed Group Study: [Read Less](#) [-]

ASIANST 299 Independent Study 1 - 7 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

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

Independent Study: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

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.

Independent Study: [Read Less](#) [-]