

ASIAN STUDIES BA

More Information

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies provides an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the world's most populous continent. Students gain understanding of the traditional cultures as well as modern socio-economic structures of Asia through the study of their historical, religious, artistic, and intellectual foundations. Students also acquire intermediate proficiency in an Asian language. The major provides insights into the diverse and dynamic societies of Asia and prepares students to engage with Asian cultures in a variety of careers.

Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of study abroad (<https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/>) opportunities in China, India, Japan, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, or Thailand. Students studying in an accredited study abroad program in Asia are encouraged to consider undertaking a major or minor in Asian Studies.

Study abroad students should consult with the Asian Studies Coordinator about the transferability of coursework before departing for Asia. It is often possible to complete 24-26 units of the major in a relevant study abroad program, or 15-17 units of the minor.

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 24-40 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Language Competency

A minimum of fourth-semester competency in an Asian language (e.g., JAPN 202) is required for Asian Studies majors. California State University, Chico offers courses in Japanese. Students interested in an alternative Asian language, such as Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Vietnamese, or others, can fulfill the language requirement by taking the equivalent of four semesters of the language from an accredited program either in the United States or through study abroad. Students who have prior proficiency should contact the department for placement information.

Course	Title	Units
Course Requirements		
ASST/AAST 110W	Introduction to Asian Studies (W)	3
ASST 490W	Capstone Course (W)	3

RELS 110	Introduction to Spiritual Traditions of Asia	3
RELS 300W	Religions of East Asia (W)	3

Language Competency

Select up to 16 units to meet language requirement in Japanese from the following:

JAPN 101	First-Semester Japanese
JAPN 102	Second-Semester Japanese
JAPN 201	Third-Semester Japanese
JAPN 202	Fourth-Semester Japanese

Electives 12

Select at least 3 units each from Group A, Group B and Group C. Six units must be upper division.

Group A: Art and Literature

ARTE 401	Manga and Beyond: Influences of Pop-culture in the Visual Art World
ARTH 140	Asian Art Survey
HUMN 224W	Asian Film and Literature (W)
JAPN 330W	Japanese Culture and Civilization (W)
JAPN 348	Japanese Lyric Poetry
JAPN 381	Japan in Film

Group B: History and Religion

HIST 373	Premodern East Asia
HIST 374	Modern East Asia
HIST/ASST 377	Gender in East Asian History
HIST/ASST 474	Modern Korea
HIST 475	Modern China
RELS 310	Religions of South Asia

Group C: Culture and Society

ANTH/ASST 200	Cultures of Asia
ANTH 338	Culture and Tourism
ECON 375	The Developing Countries
INST 110W	Introduction to International Engagement (W)
INST 401	International Forum
POLS 444	Politics of Asia
SOCI 370	Population and Migration

Total Units 24-40

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires 6 units of honors course work completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your

field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
- Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

To be eligible for Honors in Asian Studies, students must have completed all courses for the major with a GPA of 3.5. They must complete two years of a foreign language or have established competency in an Asian language. Upon recommendation by a faculty member and after an interview, the student will take 6 units of ASST 499H, culminating in a public presentation of the project. In addition, an Asian experience of some sort (e.g., an international study program, language study in Asia, a summer project or internship, etc.) is strongly encouraged.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements ([https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-](https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/)

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Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- RELS 300W Religions of East Asia (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.