

ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

The Minor in Asian Studies explores the interplay of traditional cultures and modern societies in Asia through an interdisciplinary lens. Students acquire basic proficiency in an Asian language and an understanding of the traditions and trends that influence the continent. The minor is a useful complement in fields related to business, diplomacy, education, foreign service, international law, international relations, journalism, or tourism.

Students are encouraged to study abroad (<https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/>) in an Asian country.

Course Requirements for the Minor: 19-27 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Language Competency

A minimum third-semester competency in Japanese is required for the Asian Studies minors. Students interested in another Asian language can fulfill this requirement by successfully completing the equivalent of three semesters in 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.

Placement exams are used to assess the placement level and to place students at the most appropriate level in the curriculum of the Japanese program at California State University, Chico. Students who are native or heritage speakers of the languages, and those student who studied them elsewhere, including Chico State students who participated in exchange programs and study abroad, are required to meet with the program advisor and take this exam.

Course	Title	Units
Minor Requirements		
ASST/AAST 110W	Introduction to Asian Studies (W)	3
RELS 110	Introduction to Spiritual Traditions of Asia	3
Language Competency		
Select one to three from the following:		4-12
JAPN 101	First-Semester Japanese	
JAPN 102	Second-Semester Japanese	
JAPN 201	Third-Semester Japanese	
Electives		
Select nine units from the following: ¹		9
ANTH/ASST 200	Cultures of Asia	
ANTH 338	Culture and Tourism	
ARTE 401	Manga and Beyond: Influences of Pop-culture in the Visual Art World	
ARTH 140	Asian Art Survey	
ASST/ANTH 200	Cultures of Asia	
ASST/HIST 377	Gender in East Asian History	
ASST 399	Special Problems	

ASST 490W	Capstone Course (W)
ECON 375	The Developing Countries
HIST 373	Premodern East Asia
HIST 374	Modern East Asia
HIST/ASST 474	Modern Korea
HIST 475	Modern China
HUMN 224W	Asian Film and Literature (W)
INST 110W	Introduction to International Engagement (W)
INST 401	International Forum
JAPN 330W	Japanese Culture and Civilization (W)
JAPN 348	Japanese Lyric Poetry
JAPN 381	Japan in Film
POLS 444	Politics of Asia
RELS 300W	Religions of East Asia (W)
RELS 310	Religions of South Asia
SOCI 370	Population and Migration
Total Units	19-27

¹ 6 units must be upper division.