

Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

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About the Program

The Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor is intended to enhance and broaden the academic experience of students majoring in other academic or professional programs at Buffalo State College. It will provide students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and experience to appreciate the richness of Asian civilization, to relate professionally with Asians, and to deal competently with Asia-related concepts and issues. The Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Minor serves to prepare students for professions requiring a fundamental knowledge of Asian society or for future graduate work in Asian-related fields of study. The program allows students either to attain a broad overview of Asian civilization or to focus more specifically on a particular region or field of interest. Students should apply for the minor after completing any one of the required courses with a grade of C or better.

Program Requirements (18 credit hours total):

Language Requirement (6 cr)*

CHI 101 Beginning Chinese I
CHI 102 Beginning Chinese II

*At least six credit hours of Asian language study other than Chinese (e.g. Japanese, Korean, Malay, Thai, Hindi) completed elsewhere may be accepted to satisfy this requirement.

*At least six credit hours of service learning or other credit bearing programs of study in Asia may be accepted as a substitute for the language requirement.

Core Electives (6 cr)

Select two of the following:

GEG 360 Geography of Asia
FAR 375 Introduction to Asian Art
HIS 307 History of India
HIS 310 History of East Asia: The Traditional Era
HIS 320 Modern History of Japan and Korea
HIS 338 Modern History of China
HIS 460W Patterns of History in Southeast Asia

Interdisciplinary Electives (6 cr)*

Select two of the following:

NFS 108 Food Culture and Civilization in the Far East

SOC 208 Sociology of Contemporary China

HIS 210 Modern Asia

ANT 306 Peoples of Asia

PHI 324 Zen Buddhism

FAR 376 Indian Art

FAR 377 Art of China and Japan

GEG 461 Issues in Southeast Asia Environment and Sustainable Development

*Students may take one lower division elective from the Interdisciplinary Electives category.