

# ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Whether you want to gain advantage in the international world of business, explore your own Asian heritage, study Asian medical systems, or simply learn more about this fascinating part of the world, choosing to minor in Asian studies is a wise move. The Asian studies minor effectively complements a variety of majors, including anthropology, history, fine arts, political science, sociology, literature, theology, marketing and finance. Students who plan to continue their studies with an advanced degree in Asian studies or a related field can lay the educational groundwork here at Loyola University Chicago.

Our society is becoming increasingly more global and ethnically diverse. Asians in the American labor force are expected to triple to 10 million within the next 30 years. Asian businesses have become transnational leaders in the fields of international trade, finance and technology. One way that will help ensure your future success is to augment your educational experience now with a minor in Asian studies.

## Related Programs

### Minor

- Asian Language and Literatures Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures/asian-language-literatures-minor/>)

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ASIA 101	Explorations in Asian Studies <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Required Elective Courses</b>		<b>15</b>
Two (2) courses must be taken at the 300-level.		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> At this time and for the foreseeable future, ASIA 101 Explorations in Asian Studies requirement is being waived. You still need to take 18 credit hours of Asian Studies courses.

Courses in Asian languages are not required but may count towards the required coursework.

## Cross-Listed Course Offerings

The following courses are to be used toward elective requirements. Students should consult an advisor before registering for courses for the minor.

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 100	Globalization and Local Cultures	3
ANTH 215	Contemporary Japanese Culture	3
CHIN 101	Chinese I	3
CHIN 102	Chinese II	3
CHIN 103	Chinese III	3
CHIN 104	Chinese IV	3
COMM 239	Moving China	3
COMM 269	Observing China	3
COMM 301	Discovering China Through Film	3
ENGL 315	South Asian Literatures in English	3

ENGL 315C	South Asian Literature Since 1900	3
FNAR 152	Drawing China	3
FNAR 160	The Crafts of China	3
FNAR 357	South Asian Visual Culture	3
FNAR 358	Chinese Art and Culture	3
FNAR 359	Japanese Art and Culture	3
HIST 208	East Asian History: Themes & Issues	3
HIST 208X	Pre-Modern Chinese History	3
HIST 208Z	Modern Chinese History	3
HIST 209	Islamic History: Themes & Issues	3
HIST 275A	The Silk Roads: Global Trade, Culture, & Politics	3
HIST 300	Topics in History (South Asian History)	3
HIST 343	Modern South Asia	3
HIST 345A	Traditional China from Antiquity to 1550	3
HIST 346A	Early Modern China: 1550-1800	3
HIST 346B	Reform & Revolution in China, 1800-1949	3
HIST 346C	History of Christianity in China	3
HIST 347A	China Since 1949: The People's Republic	3
HIST 347C	Cultural Revolution-China	3
HIST 347D	Modern Chinese History through Film	3
HIST 349A	Women in East Asia	3
HIST 359H	Anti-Colonial Resistance in the Twentieth Century	3
HIST 388A	Vietnam War	3
HNDI 101	Hindi-Urdu I	3
HNDI 102	Hindi-Urdu II	3
HNDI 103	Hindi-Urdu III	3
HNDI 104	Hindi-Urdu IV	3
HONR 209A	Encountering Asia	3
HONR 209B	Encountering Asia	3
HONR 209C	Encountering Asia	3
JAPN 101	Japanese I	3
JAPN 102	Japanese II	3
JAPN 103	Japanese III	3
JAPN 104	Japanese IV	3
JAPN 250	Composition & Conversation I	3
JAPN 251	Composition & Conversation II	3
LITR 243	South Asian Literature	3
LITR 244	Indian Film	3
LITR 245	Asian Masterpieces	3
LITR 292	Modern Chinese Fiction	3
PHIL 191	Traditional Chinese Philosophy	3
PHIL 192	Chinese Ethics and Asian Values	3
PHIL 193	Contemporary Chinese Philosophy	3
PHIL 335	Asian Philosophy	3
PLSC 336	Politics in Contemporary China	3
PLSC 345	South & Southeast Asian Politics	3
PLSC 346	East Asian Politics	3
SOCL 122	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCL 250	Inequality in Society	3
SOCL 251	Peoples of China: Their Cultures and Customs	3
SOCL 266	Development and Social Change in Modern China	3
THEO 167	Religions in China	3

THEO 168	Sacred Texts of China	3
THEO 169	Taoism	3
THEO 282	Hinduism	3
THEO 295	Islam	3
THEO 297	Buddhism	3
THEO 299	Religions of Asia	3
THEO 350	Topics in Islam	3
THEO 352	Topics in Buddhism	3
THEO 365	Women, Gender and Embodiment in Islam	3
THEO 366	Contemporary Islamic Thought and Movements	3
UNIV 302	Ricci Seminar Asia	3
URDU 101	Introductory Urdu I	3
URDU 102	Introductory Urdu II	3

- Students will be able to articulate values of diversity, justice, and multi-culturalism in Asian and the rest of the world.
- Students will be able to demonstrate analytical, communications, and critical thinking skills through a variety of forms, textual, performative, and experiential: e.g. essays, oral presentations, language acquisition, cultural immersion (study/internships abroad), artistic.

## Transfer-Student Residency Requirement

At least 9 credit hours of ASIA-MINR requirements must be completed at Loyola.

## Double-Dipping Policy

This department observes the CAS Double-Dipping Policy (<https://www.luc.edu/cas/double-dippingpolicy/>) regarding unique credits required for each declared major/minor. Not less than 9 credit hours in the individual student's transcript must be unique to each minor; that is, the courses in question are considered as actually fulfilling requirements of one minor, not of more than one minor or major.

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## Learning Outcomes

The Asian Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program of study, which incorporates the diversity of disciplinary approaches and geo-political areas of interest. The minor seeks to introduce students to the rich variety of places, peoples, histories, relations, cultures, polities, environments with an emphasis on not only a singular nation-state, but to consider as well transnational, regional, and global connectivities.

Essential to developing, expanding, and enriching the process of learning, Asian Studies minors will demonstrate a knowledge and skills development in different ways:

- Students will be able to articulate broadly the history of Asia or a particular Asian region.
- Students will be develop an understanding of political experiences and forms of Asia/Asian region.
- Students will be able to reflect on the interaction among and between Asian societies, historically and/or contemporaneously.
- Students will develop basic understanding of the historical and contemporary connections of Asia/Asian region with the rest of the world (and expansively post-1500CE).
- Students will be able to describe and differentiate various Asian religious traditions.