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.

Curriculum

The Asian studies minor consists of six courses (18 credit hours) completed with a grade of "C" or better. 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.

Two of the courses taken for the minor must be at the 300 level, and no more than three courses from any one department may count toward the minor. Coursework in Asian languages is not required, but courses in Asian languages may count toward the required coursework in Asian studies.

Minors and interdisciplinary minors: 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.

Please register for the Asian Studies minor at LOCUS (https://locus.luc.edu/psp/cs92prd/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&).

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Learning Outcomes

The Asian Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program of study, which incorporates the diversity of disciplinary approaches and geopolitical areas of interest. The minor seeks to introduce students to the rich variety of places, peoples, histories, relations, cultures, politics, 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
- 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.