

## **ASIAN STUDIES MINOR**

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM - SCHOOL OF POLITICS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SPPAIS)**

The Asian Studies Minor offers students the opportunity to engage in an interdisciplinary program of study of an Asian region or a single country. The program emphasizes a social science approach to the study of Asian history, politics, society, and culture with options to include foreign language and study abroad components towards completion of the Minor. For the purposes of this minor, Asia is defined first and foremost as a geographic entity to include Western, Northern, Central, South and East Asian areas. Thus, for example, countries such as modern Turkey and areas such as the 'Middle East' can rightly be included in 'Asia' alongside areas more traditionally understood as part of Asia such as China and India.

### **Asian Studies Minor Course Requirements (18 credits)**

If your primary major is in the College of Arts and Sciences, at least twelve (12) credit hours must be exclusive to the minor and not counted towards fulfilling major requirements. To count towards the minor, all courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

### **Gateway Course (3 Credit Hours)**

All Asian Studies Minor students must complete one of two required Gateway courses, either INST 2230 - Introduction to Asian Studies (G/COM2) or POLS 3270 – Government and Politics of the Middle East, depending on their primary area of interest within Asia.

### **Asian Studies Area Courses (15 Credit Hours)**

Asian Studies Minor students must complete a minimum of fifteen (15) additional credit hours from the following list of approved Asian Studies Area Courses. A minimum of nine (9) of these credit hours must be taken at the upper-division (3000+) level. In addition to the approved courses on this list, topics courses, Honors courses, or other special course offerings may count towards fulfilling Asian Studies Area Course requirements based on the approval of the student's designated minor advisor. Students are strongly encouraged to review the International

Studies Newsletter each semester to see what Asian Studies Area courses are currently being offered.

### **Approved Asian Studies Area Courses**

CHIN 1101 - Taste of China

CHIN 2041 – Contemporary and Traditional Chinese Culture

INST 2230 – Introduction to Asian Studies

LANG 2150 - History and Culture of Manga

RELI 2040 - Religions of the Middle East

RELI 2050 - Religious Landscapes of Asia

RELI 2315 - History of Non-Western Religions

HIST 2040 - Imperial China

HIST 2041 - Modern China

HIST 2320 - History of Islam (RELI 2320)

HIST 2460 - Traditional Japan

HIST 2461 - Modern Japan

HIST 2470 – Civilization of India

ART 2720 - Introduction to the Art and Culture of Islam

CHIN 3160 - See Movies, Touch China

HIST 3210 – The Islamic World in the Premodern Era

HIST 3220 - History of the Modern Middle East

HIST 3400 - Mongol Empire

ENR 3300 - Environmental Policy, Conservation and Development in India

INST 3400 - Politics and Society of Turkey

LANG 3140 - History and Culture of Anime

LANG 3105 - Survey of Japanese Literature

SOC 3050 - Japanese Society

INST 3100 - Chinese Society (SOC 3100)

RELI 3320 – Eastern Thought (PHIL 3320)

RELI 3340 - Mysticism, Yoga, and Enlightenment

RELI 3344 - Gods, Avatars, Heroes, and Mystics

POLS 3270 - Government and Politics of the Middle East

POLS 4230 - Governments and Politics of Asia

INST 4200 - China and Globalization

INST 4250 - East Asia Society and Economy

INST 4590 – Women of India (WMST 4590)

INST 4680 – Shanghai: Past and Present

HIST 4335 – Women and Islam (WMST 4335)  
HIST 4520 – Modern Far East: China, Japan and India  
LANG 4800 - Japanese Film  
ART 4650 - International Study in Art (Turkey/India)

### **Optional Asian Study Abroad Component**

Asian Studies Minor students are also strongly encouraged to participate in a relevant study abroad program in the region of Asia to supplement their coursework at UW. Accordingly, up to six (6) hours of relevant study abroad credit may be counted towards fulfillment of the Asian Studies Area Course requirement on the approval of the student's designated minor advisor.

### **Optional Asian Foreign Language Component**

Asian Studies Minor students are also strongly encouraged to learn an Asian foreign language as part of their progression towards completion of the Minor. Accordingly, up to eight (8) lower-division (1000-2000) credit hours of an Asian foreign language may be counted towards fulfillment of the Asian Studies Area Course requirement. 'Asian' languages at UW include Japanese, Chinese and Arabic. However, Asian Studies Minor students need not necessarily be limited to the three languages currently taught at UW. On the approval of the student's designated minor advisor these optional language credit hours may be fulfilled by other Asian language instruction at UW, other relevant in-country summer intensive programs, or language-focused study abroad programs.