

ASIAN STUDIES

Degree Type: Certificate

Faculty in the Asian Studies Graduate Cluster (<http://sites.northwestern.edu/asgc/>) (ASGC) offer comprehensive yet focused exposure to Asian cultures, histories and societies with an emphasis on transdisciplinary research and methodologies. The program trains students in advanced research and interdisciplinary studies across the humanities and social sciences. Specializations offered include Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, South and Southeast Asian, and Vietnamese culture, history, literature, media studies, and political sciences; Buddhist Studies; Hinduism; the arts of China, Japan, South Asia, and the Himalayan region; and modern Asian Politics.

Students interested in pursuing a PhD in Art History, Communication Studies, Comparative Literary Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, History, Music, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Religion, and Sociology are encouraged to find a second intellectual "home" in this interdisciplinary certificate. The certificate's curriculum is meant to lead students through structures that are central for understanding the past, present, and future of Asian traditions and societies. It is by taking courses with ASGC faculty, and by interacting in a lively and consistent way at ASGC sponsored events and activities, at all levels, that graduate students can create and foster an intellectual community of scholars interested in Asia from a variety of perspectives, beyond narrow disciplinary confines that too often relegate the study of Asia to the margins of training and research.

There are many different ways for faculty and students to participate in the intellectual life of the cluster and certificate. Many ASGC events, such as visiting lecturers and conferences, are open to all members of the University. Seminars taught by ASGC faculty are open to graduate students across the University. We encourage all students, faculty, and staff of Northwestern to learn more about our research and activities by participating in our public events.

Additional resources:

- Department website (<https://sites.northwestern.edu/asgc/requirements/>)

Certificate Offered

- Asian Studies Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/asian-studies/asian-studies-cert/>)