ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement) and the degree requirements of their home school.

**Major Requirements (17 units)**

- 6 language courses in Chinese, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, or Korean beyond the first year; native-speaker proficiency does not count for course credit
- 11 additional courses chosen from the approved list
  - 9 distributed among three disciplinary categories
    - 3 in social sciences chosen from ASIAN_ST 390-3 Advanced Topics in Asian Studies, and courses in anthropology, economics, linguistics, political science, psychology, and sociology
    - 3 in history may include ASIAN_ST 390-4 Adv Topics in Asian Studies.
    - 3 in humanities chosen from ASIAN_ST 390-6 Advanced Topics in Asian Studies, and courses in art history, art theory and practice, comparative literary studies, philosophy, and religious studies
  - 2 additional courses from any of the three disciplinary categories
- At least 6 must focus on one of three culturally differentiated areas—East Asia, Southeast Asia, or South Asia—typically corresponding to the language specialization.
- At least 2 must be research courses related to the major (courses titled “research seminar,” other advanced seminars [with permission], or independent study; students are expected to produce an 18-20 page independent research paper in each course)
  - At most 2 courses may be double-counted toward another major.
  - The major also requires a study abroad experience in Asia. Students who for compelling reasons are unable to study abroad may petition for a waiver by writing to the program director by junior year.

**Honors in Asian Studies**

Majors with strong academic records and an interest in pursuing honors should secure a faculty adviser and submit an honors application, including a brief research proposal, to the program office by the first week of spring quarter of junior year. (Those studying abroad have another two weeks.) Accepted students complete a thesis, normally through three quarters of senior-year independent study (ASIAN_ST 399-0 Independent Study), which can count for credit in the relevant disciplinary category.

Students whose theses and grades meet program criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For more information consult the program website, visit the program office, and see Honors in the Major (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext).