Asian Studies Program offers individualized, interdisciplinary study of the languages, histories, societies, and cultures of the peoples of Asia, past and present. Through the study of a relevant language (Chinese, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, or Korean) and coursework in history, the humanities, and the social sciences, students gain a sophisticated critical understanding of a specific Asian region (East, South, or Southeast) or country. They also learn to examine the world and themselves through the lens of another language and culture. The program encourages in-depth study while also promoting more general inquiry into fundamental issues, such as cultural difference and its social and political implications and the significance of the transcultural and transnational flow of people and ideas.

Asian studies students hone their aptitude for analyzing problems, conducting research, and presenting ideas in writing and in speech and thus succeed in a wide range of careers, including law, medicine, business, media, government, education, and nonprofit work. Others go on to graduate study. Some graduates work primarily overseas.

The program offers a major and a minor. Study of a relevant language is required for the major and encouraged but not required for the minor. Approved courses are listed on the program website. Students should contact the program director for further information about requirements.

Programs of Study

- Asian Studies Major (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/asian-studies/asian-studies-major)
- Asian Studies Minor (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/asian-studies/asian-studies-minor)

ASIAN_ST 110-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)  WCAS First-Year Seminar

ASIAN_ST 390-3 Advanced Topics in Asian Studies (1 Unit)  Content and prerequisites vary. Course number indicates distribution requirement area in which a course counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

ASIAN_ST 390-4 Adv Topics in Asian Studies (1 Unit)  Content and prerequisites vary. Course number indicates distribution requirement area in which a course counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Historical Studies Distro Area

ASIAN_ST 390-6 Advanced Topics in Asian Studies (1 Unit)  Content and prerequisites vary. Course number indicates distribution requirement area in which a course counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Literature Fine Arts Distro Area

ASIAN_ST 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)  Reading and conferences on special subjects. For advanced undergraduates; requires permission of director of undergraduate studies and instructor.