Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Japanese Concentration

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The Department of Asian Studies offers five major concentrations, nine minors, and instruction in Asian and Middle Eastern languages. Students pursuing the B.A. degree in Asian Studies can complete the interdisciplinary major in Asian Studies, or concentrate in Arab Cultures, Chinese, Japanese, or South Asian Studies.

Department Programs

Majors

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.–General Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration)
• Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration)
• Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration)
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• Asian Studies Major, B.A.–South Asian Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration)

Minors

• Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor)
• Arabic Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor)
• Chinese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor)
• Modern Hebrew Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor)
• Hindi-Urdu Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor)
• Japanese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor)
• Korean Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor)
• Middle Eastern Languages Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor)
• Persian Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must

• attain a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
• complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC-Chapel Hill courses
• take at least half of their major course requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC-Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 18 hours of C or better in the major core requirements (some majors require 21 hours).

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

Core Requirements

JAPN 305  Advanced Japanese 1 3
JAPN 306  Advanced Japanese II 1 3
Four advanced Japanese courses from the list below 12
Two culture courses from the list below 2 6

Additional Requirements

Japanese through level 4 3 4

Total Hours 28

1 Students whose initial language placement is above JAPN 305 should consult the department.
2 No more than one first-year seminar or senior honors thesis course may be included among the two culture courses.
3 The first three levels of Japanese (JAPN) can count toward the General Education Foundations requirement and have not been included as additional hours for the major.

Advanced Japanese Courses

JAPN 401  Gateway to Mastering Japanese 3
JAPN 408  Japanese Journalism 3
JAPN 409  Japanese Modernism 3
JAPN 410  Topics in Contemporary Japanese Literature 3
JAPN 411  Food and Culture in Japan 3
JAPN 412  Making Music in Japan 3
JAPN 413  Fashioning Japan: Gender, Nation, and Dress 3
JAPN 414  Manga as a Japanese Art and Culture 3
JAPN 415  Sports in Japanese Culture 3
JAPN 416  Understanding Japanese Business Culture and Its Practice 3
JAPN 417  Japanese Culture through Film and Literature 3
JAPN 490  Topics in Japanese Language and Literature 3
JAPN 521  Investigating Japanese Culture through TV Dramas 3
JAPN 590  Advanced Topics in Japanese Language and Literature 3

Culture Courses

ASIA 54  First-Year Seminar: The American Life of Japanese Women 3
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Students majoring in Japanese are also encouraged to take the following courses as electives or to fulfill some of the General Education requirements:

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Special Opportunities in Asian Studies

Honors in Asian Studies

A candidate for honors in Asian studies will write a substantial paper under the guidance of a faculty member. While researching and writing the honors paper, the student will enroll in ASIA 691H and ASIA 692H. ASIA 692H may count as one of the interdisciplinary courses for the major; ASIA 691H will count for elective credit only. In the case of the concentrations in Arab cultures, Chinese, Japanese, and South Asian studies, ASIA 692H may count toward the major in the concentration.

A committee composed of at least two faculty members will examine the candidate. To be accepted as an honors candidate, a student must meet the University’s requirement of a minimum overall grade point average of 3.3, secure the consent of a faculty member in the Asian studies field to act as advisor for the project, and submit a proposal to the associate chair of Asian studies for approval.

Departmental Involvement

The department sponsors a variety of cultural events—lectures, film series, performances, and more—as well as social and informational events where students can get to know each other and faculty members in an informal setting. Faculty members in the department serve as advisors to some of the many Asia-related student organizations on campus, such as the Japan Club, Chinese Conversation Club, and more.

Languages across the Curriculum

The department participates in the Languages across the Curriculum (LAC) program, offering a one-credit-hour discussion section that is conducted in Arabic but associated with a variety of courses offered in English, both in Asian studies and in such other departments as history or religious studies. This LAC recitation section offers students the opportunity to use their Arabic language skills in a broader intellectual context.

Libraries

The University has rich collections of books and periodicals on Asia in the relevant Asian languages, as well as in English and other Western languages. Experts in the collection development department for Davis Library are available to help students locate the materials they need. The University also has an outstanding collection of Asian films and other audiovisual materials, housed in the Media Resource Center at House Library.
Speaker Series
The department sponsors an annual speaker series. These events include lectures by prominent artists, scholars, and writers and are often cosponsored by other units on campus.

Study Abroad
UNC–Chapel Hill sponsors several study programs (summer, semester, and yearlong) in China, Egypt, India, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. Asian studies majors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to live and study in an Asian setting; UNC-approved study abroad programs also satisfy the experiential education requirement. For further information on these programs and other study abroad opportunities in Asia, contact the UNC Study Abroad Office.

Undergraduate Research
The department actively encourages undergraduate student research. Through classes, advising, and office hours, faculty members guide students toward defining areas of interest, conceptualizing research questions, identifying sources, and writing academic papers. Students may pursue research through independent studies, the senior honors thesis, and study abroad research opportunities such as the Burch Fellowship. Asian studies students have received a variety of competitive research support and travel awards, won regional contests for undergraduate papers, published papers in academic journals, and presented their work at such events as the Senior Colloquium in Asian Studies and the campuswide Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research in the spring.