

ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Stretching from Japan to the Arab world, Asia is the largest and most populous continent in the world and home to an array of diverse cultures and political structures. A minor in interdisciplinary Asian studies offers students the opportunity to study a broad range of topics, building the global awareness that will be useful in government employment; internationally oriented business, journalism, law, and teaching; as well as graduate study in a range of humanistic and social science disciplines.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

A student may take an interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies by completing five courses from among those accepted for the interdisciplinary Asian studies major (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>). At least two courses must be taken within the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, chosen from the list in the section describing the major. (Study abroad courses may not be substituted for these two courses.) The courses taken for the minor must include one from three of the six regions of Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia), as defined in the section describing the major. Students interested in advanced Asian or Middle Eastern language training should consider the Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Korean, Persian, or Middle Eastern languages minors.

No more than one first-year seminar may be counted toward the minor.

See program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Interdisciplinary Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Arab Cultures Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Chinese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Japanese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/>)

- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Korean Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – South Asian Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/>)

Minors

- Arabic Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor/>)
- Asian Studies Minor (p. 1)
- Chinese Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor/>)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor/>)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor/>)
- Japanese Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor/>)
- Korean Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor/>)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor/>)
- Persian Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor/>)
- Southeast Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/southeast-asian-studies-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/>)

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