The Department of Asian Studies offers five major concentrations, nine minors, and instruction in Asian and Middle Eastern languages. In addition to the interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies, there are language-focused minors in Arabic, Chinese, modern Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Korean, and Persian.

## Department Programs

### Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Major-B.A-General-Concentration))
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Major-B.A-Arab-Cultures-Concentration))
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Major-B.A-Chinese-Concentration))
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–South Asian Studies Concentration ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Major-B.A-South-Asian-Studies-Concentration))

### Minors

- Arabic Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor))
- Asian Studies Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/Asian-Studies-Minor))
- Chinese Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor))
- Modern Hebrew Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor))
- Hindi-Urdu Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor))
- Japanese Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor))
- Korean Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor))
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor ([link](http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor))
- Persian Minor (p. 1)

## Requirements

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

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

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

The undergraduate minor in Persian consists of four courses.

### Core Requirements

Three language courses beyond PRSN 203 (the first semester of intermediate Persian), chosen from:

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ASIA/RELI 583 Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present
ASIA/WGST 127 Iranian Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 329 Middle East Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 471 Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature
HIST 74 First-Year Seminar: Emperors, Courts, and Consumption: The Mughals of India
HIST 163 Modern Central Asia
RELI 480 Modern Muslim Literatures
SOCI 419 Sociology of the Islamic World

Total Hours 12

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

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