ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR, B.A.—ARAB CULTURES CONCENTRATION

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The Department of Asian Studies offers six 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, Korean Studies, or South Asian Studies.

Department Programs

Majors

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Interdisciplinary Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/)

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Arab Cultures Concentration (p. 1)

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Chinese Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/)

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Japanese Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/)

• Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Korean Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/)

• 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

• Arabic Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor/)

• Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-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/)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Asian studies program, students should be able to:

• Identify or analyze significant aspects of the target cultures by interpreting texts and media

• Demonstrate proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the target language

• Demonstrate experience in the use of the target language outside the language classroom

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, 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/#degreerequirements).
Arabic Literature and Culture Courses

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At least three must be chosen from:

ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681 Readings in Islamicate Literatures
ASIA/GEOG 447 Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East
ASIA/HIST 138 History of Muslim Societies to 1500
ASIA/HIST 139 History of Muslim Societies since 1500
ASIA/HIST 276 The Modern Middle East
ASIA/HIST 277 The Conflict over Israel/Palestine
ASIA/HIST 536 Revolution in the Modern Middle East
ASIA/HIST 537 Women in the Middle East
ASIA/HIST 538 The Middle East and the West
ASIA/PWAD 435 The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa
ASIA/RELI 180 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
ASIA/RELI 181 Modern Muslim Societies
ASIA/RELI 581 Sufism
ASIA/RELI 582 Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia

At most one course may be chosen from:

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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, Korean studies, and South Asian studies, ASIA 692H may count toward the major in the concentration.

Special Opportunities in Asian Studies

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, Hebrew Table, 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 or Chinese 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 or Chinese 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.