ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR, B.A.–KOREAN STUDIES 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 (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)
• Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Korean Studies Concentration (p. 1)
• 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/#degreerequirementstext).

The eight core courses (24 credit hours) consist of two to four language courses and four to six literature and culture courses, as described below.

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At least two Korean language courses beyond KOR 204. 1
At least one introductory-level course chosen from the following list: 3-6

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At least two Korean literature and culture courses chosen from the following list: 6-15

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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, 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

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Speaker Series

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Study Abroad

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Undergraduate Research

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