Asian Studies Major

The Asian Studies Major, part of the International & Area Studies IDP, allows students to analyze the area (or a subregion, e.g., East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia) from an interdisciplinary and modern perspective. The major seeks to ground students in broad international issues which they can then use to focus on particular concerns of that part of the world.

Preparation for the Major: 6 courses, plus language requirement

Preparation Courses

- **Introduction to International & Area Studies** (1 course)
  - International & Area Studies 1 with a minimum grade of ‘C’

- **International Societies & Cultures** (2 courses)
  - Anthropology 3 • Comparative Literature 1D (or 2DW or 4DW) • Ethnomusicology 5, 25 • Geography 3 • History 2B, 22 • World Arts & Cultures 20, 33

- **International Politics & Markets** (2 courses)
  - Economics 1, 2 • Geography 4, 6 • Political Science 50 (or 50R) • Sociology 1

- **Area Preparation** (1 course)
  - Art History 29, 31 • Asian 30, 70A, 70B, 70C • Chinese 50 (or 50W), M60 (or M60W) • General Education Cluster 25A • History 9A, 9C (or 9CH), 9E, 11B (or 11BH), 97G, 97M, 97N • International & Area Studies 31, 33 • Japanese 50, 70 • Korean 50, M60 • South Asian M60 • Southeast Asian M60, 90

- **Foreign Language-Intermediate** (Up to 6 courses)
  - Completion of the intermediate year (generally the sixth quarter) of any modern foreign language related to the area (e.g., Chinese 6 or 6A, Filipino 6, Hindi-Urdu 100C, Indonesian 6, Japanese 6, Korean 6, Thai 6, Vietnamese 6). *The language requirement can also be fulfilled in part or in total via a placement exam given through the appropriate language department.*

Admission to the Major: Students can declare the major after having completed all preparation courses* with a minimum UC GPA of 2.00 along with International & Area Studies 1 with a grade of “C” or better.

*Completion of the elementary year of the foreign language is acceptable when applying for the major. Completion of the intermediate year of the foreign language is required to fulfill all preparation requirements, but can be done after being accepted to the major. The minimum prep GPA of 2.00 will still need to be met with the inclusion of this course.

The Major: 12 Upper Division Courses

**International Themes**

- **International Societies & Cultures** (2 courses)
  - Anthropology 130, 140, 146, 147 • Art History C160 • Communication Studies 179 • Comparative Literature 100 • Environment M133 • Film & TV 112 • Geography M109, 110, 133, 138, 142, 147, 151, 159C • History M186B • Honors Collegium M152 • International Development Studies 110 • Sociology 116, 151, 154, 191D, 191F • World Arts & Cultures M130

- **International Politics & Markets** (2 courses)
Area Studies-Group 1

Group 1 courses focus on post-1750 issues of the region:

- **Humanities & Arts** (3 courses)
  - Art History C148D, C148E, C150B, C154C, 154D  
  - Asian 130, 151, 152, 161, 162, 163  
  - Comparative Literature M176, C178  
  - Ethnomusicology 146, 147, C150, C156A, 156B, 157, C159, 160, 161B†  
  - Philosophy 179  
  - South Asian 150, 155  
  - Southeast Asian 130, 135, 140, 157  
  - Theater 102A, 102B  
  - Vietnamese M155, 180B

- **Social Sciences** (3 courses)
  - Anthropology M145R, 163P, 163Q, 163R  
  - Gender Studies M164A, M170C, M173B  
  - Geography 139, 158, 185, 186  
  - Political Science 135, 158, 159A, 159B, 160  
  - Sociology 181A, 181B

- **Additional Elective** (1 course)
  - One additional course selected from the Area Studies-Group 1 courses listed above.

Area Studies-Group 2

Group 2 courses focus on pre-1750s issues of the region or Asian diaspora. Students may substitute a maximum of 3 upper division courses focusing on earlier historical aspects of the region or on diasporas with origins related to the region toward the Area Studies Electives as long the distribution between Social Sciences and Humanities & Arts is maintained. These may be selected from the following list:

  - Asian 164  
  - Chinese 138, 140A, 140B, 140C, M153, C175, 182, M183, 184, 186, 191A  
  - Japanese 140A, 140B, 140C, C149, 165, 172, 191A  
  - Korean 150, 175, 176, 180A, 180B, 184A, 191A  
  - South Asian CM160, 185  
  - Vietnamese 180A

- **Social Sciences**: Anthropology 116P, 116Q  

Capstone Course

- **International & Area Studies Senior Seminar** (1 course)
  - International & Area Studies 191: Variable Topics in International & Area Studies: Senior Seminar

Note that students may partially fulfill the Area Studies Elective requirement by participating in an International Institute Summer Travel Study program. These programs consist of two courses in and on a particular region of the world. Please consult the Academic Counselor for more information on available programs.

- All courses used towards the major (including preparation for the major courses) must be taken for a letter grade.
- The minimum UC GPA for preparation courses is 2.00. The minimum GPA for upper division courses is 2.00.
- Students may choose to focus their area studies courses on a subregion (e.g., East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia) but are strongly encouraged not to focus solely on a single country.
- Courses designated with a “†” are 2-unit courses and must either be taken twice- or two courses from the same category (if applicable) may be taken- to count as one 4-unit course.

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