

# ASIAN STUDIES

The Asian Studies program focuses on a region that is home to fully half of humanity, the world's most populous democracy, and the fastest growing economies in the world. The importance of Asia in global, political, and economic systems - and particularly its growing impact on the United States - demands a firm understanding of the history, cultures, politics, religions, and economics of Asian countries. As such, the Asian Studies minor offers students a truly interdisciplinary program of study that draws upon faculty expertise in the humanities, social sciences, and languages of Asia.

Everyone, regardless of major or profession, will be affected by past, present, and future events and developments in Asia. The Asian studies minor prepares students for a wide array of careers in the global economy, from international business or banking, to tech, journalism, teaching, government, international development, and many more. Some of our students use their interdisciplinary grounding in Asian Studies as a basis for further studies in graduate or professional school.

It is also possible, instead of pursuing the minor, for a student with at least a 3.00 GPA to create an Individually Designed Major in Asian Studies, Chinese Studies, or some other relevant focus in Asia-related study. For information, please consult the Individually Designed Major catalog section.

Funes Maderey (Philosophy)  
Grimes (Religious Studies)  
Li (History)  
Xiao (Visual and Performing Arts)  
Zhang, Q. (Communication)  
Zhang, Z. (Politics)  
Zhao, W. (Communication)

## Programs

- Asian Studies Minor

## Courses

### ASST 3990 Independent Study 1-3 Credits

Students undertake an individualized program of study in consultation with a director from the Asian Studies faculty.

### ASST 4999 Asian Studies Seminar 3 Credits

**Attributes:** ANMC Asian Studies Elective

**Prerequisite:** Junior standing.

This seminar examines selected topics concerning Asia. The course is taught in conjunction with another course from a rotation of course offerings. Consult the Asian Studies director to identify the conjoined course for a given semester. The seminar concentrates on topics within the parameters of the conjoined course syllabus but adds a research emphasis. Students registered for this course must complete a research project, to include 4000-level research, in addition to the regular research requirements of the conjoined course, and a 25-50 page term paper in substitution for some portion of the conjoined course requirements, as determined by the instructor.

## Faculty

### Director

Purushotham (History)

### Program Faculty

Aksan (Economics)  
Covaci (Visual and Performing Arts)  
Dutta (English)