

Asian Studies (MA)

The Master of Arts with a major in Asian studies is an interdisciplinary degree with a regional concentration on East Asia (China, Japan, Korea), South Asia, or both. The degree is intended primarily for those preparing for careers in fields such as business, communication, government, information studies, law, the military, and teaching, or to prepare for further advanced study in another discipline or area studies program.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

This program is intended for students who wish to acquire deeper knowledge in Asian studies and related language skills in order to pursue a career in business, government, nongovernmental organizations, or the like, or to prepare for further study in another discipline or area studies program. Successful applicants hold a bachelor's degree, often in a related field, and have a strong interest in China, Japan, Korea, South Asia, or some combination of these. Since they will specialize in one of these geographic areas and study at least one language of that area to an advanced level, previous language training is highly recommended. Those who apply to the program without language training may complete first- and second-year college level language coursework after they are admitted, but these courses will not count toward the semester hours required for the master's degree.

Total Hours Required: 30

Requirements

Report Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from: Asian history		3
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Asian History		
Social sciences relating to the regional area of study		
Advanced Language Study (with a grade of at least B)		6
Hours chosen from: in the Area of Specialization (no more than nine in one discipline)		15
Literature		
Religion		
Visual culture		
Other discipline		
ANS 398R	Master's Report	3
All students must also follow the requirements and policies below:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		
Total Hours		30

Thesis Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from: Asian history		3
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Asian History		
Social sciences relating to the regional area of study		

Advanced Language Study (with a grade of at least B)		6
Hours chosen from: in the Area of Specialization (no more than six in one discipline)		12
Literature		
Religion		
Visual culture		
Other discipline		
ANS 698	Thesis	6
All students must also follow the requirements and policies below:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		
Total Hours		30

Additional Requirements and Policy

Up to nine hours of undergraduate upper-division coursework, including language coursework, may be counted toward the degree.