

2009-2010 Course Catalog

The University Of Montana

Asian Studies

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The Asian Studies Program offers opportunities for those students who wish to focus on a variety of the diverse societies within the major cultural areas of Asia (Southwest and Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia, and East Asia) through the study of geography, history, peoples, religious and other cultural traditions, and languages.

The Asian Studies Program is administered through the Liberal Studies Program. Interested students must major in Liberal Studies with an option in Asian Studies. In addition to select Liberal Studies courses, students will also choose from specified courses offered from many departments and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, such as Southwest and Central Asia Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, and the Mike Mansfield Center.

Students interested in the Asian Studies option within Liberal Studies should consult and register with the chair of the Asian Studies program. The current chair is Dr. Bradley Clough (LA 158, ext. 2837, bradley.clough@mso.umt.edu). Depending on their particular interests, students will also consult with other Asian studies faculty, in order to determine the most appropriate course of study. Students are encouraged to plan their course sequence at least one year in advance, in consultation with their assigned Asian Studies faculty advisor.

Additional Asian Studies Courses

- LS 161L Introduction to Asian Humanities
- AS 106H The Silk Road
- AS 195 Special Topics
- AS 201 East Asian Civilizations
- AS 210H Japanese Culture and Civilization
- AS 211H Chinese Culture and Civilization
- AS 212S Southeast Asian Culture and Civilization
- AS 214S Central Asia: Peoples and Environment
- AS 231S The Middle East
- AS 295 Special Topics
- AS 345 Central Asia and Its Neighbors
- AS 395 Special Topics
- AS 402 Cities and Landscapes of Central Asia
- AS 457 Artistic Traditions of Central and Southwest Asia
- AS 495 Problems in Asian Studies

- CHIN 101 Elementary Chinese I
- CHIN 102 Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 193 Omnibus Variable
- CHIN 191 (CHIN 195) Special Topics
- CHIN 201 Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 202 Intermediate Chinese II
- CHIN 294 (CHIN 293) Omnibus Variable
- CHIN 292 (CHIN 296) Independent Study Variable
- CHIN 301 Advanced Chinese I
- CHIN 302 Advanced Chinese II
- CHIN 313 Classical Chinese Poetry in English Translation
- CHIN 314 Traditional Chinese Literature in English Translation
- CHIN 394 (CHIN 393) Omnibus Variable
- CHIN 391 (CHIN 395) Special Topics
- CHIN 392 (CHIN 396) Independent Study Variable
- CHIN 432 Twentieth Century Fiction in English Translation
- CHIN 493 Omnibus Variable
- CHIN 492 (CHIN 496) Independent Study Variable
- HSTR 345 (HIST 380H) Modern China
- HSTR 343 (HIST 381H) Modern Japan
- JPNS 101 Elementary Japanese I
- JPNS 102 Elementary Japanese II
- JPNS 193 Omnibus Variable
- JPNS 191 (JPNS 195) Special Topics Variable
- JPNS 201 Intermediate Japanese I
- JPNS 202 Intermediate Japanese II
- JPNS 293 Omnibus Variable
- JPNS 291 (JPNS 295) Special Topics
- JPNS 292 (JPNS 296) Independent Study Variable
- JPNS 301 Advanced Japanese I
- JPNS 302 Advanced Japanese II
- JPNS 306 Japanese for Business and Tourism
- JPNS 311 Classical Japanese Literature in English
- JPNS 312 Japanese Literature from Medieval to Modern in English Translation
- JPNS 386 History of Japanese Language
- JPNS 390 Supervised Internship
- JPNS 391 Japanese Film
- JPNS 393 Omnibus Variable
- JPNS 391 (JPNS 395) Special Topics
- JPNS 392 (JPNS 396) Independent Study Variable
- JPNS 398 Internship Variable
- JPNS 411 Modern Japanese Writers and Thinkers
- JPNS 412 Introduction to Classical Japanese
- JPNS 415 Advanced Japanese for Professionals
- JPNS 431 Post-War Japanese Literature
- JPNS 491 (JPNS 495) Special Topics
- JPNS 492 (JPNS 496) Independent Study Variable
- JPNS 500 Directed Reading in Japanese Texts
- PSCI 329 (PSC 329H) Politics of Japan
- RELS 232 Introduction to Buddhism

- RELS 233 Traditions of Buddhist Meditation
- RELS 234 Hinduism
- RELS 236 Chinese Religions
- RELS 238 Japanese Religions
- RELS 353 Topics in South Asian Religions
- RELS 354 Topics in East Asian Religions
- RELS 366 Tibetan Civilization
- RELS 367 Approaches to the Study of Zen Buddhism
- RELS 368 Contemporary Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia
- RELS 369 Contemplative Traditions of Asia

Special Degree Requirements

Major in Liberal Studies with an option in Asian Studies

The following requirements must be met to complete this program.

1. Completion of the Liberal Studies core curriculum. (See the Liberal Studies section of this catalog.)
2. Six credits in introductory Asian Studies courses (100-level courses or Study Abroad in Asia).
3. Twelve credits in foundational Asian Studies courses (200- level courses), including Asian Studies 201.
4. At least 30 credits in upper-level courses (300-level courses and above), of which at least six credits must be in the humanities and six in the social sciences.
5. Language Requirement: Two years (or equivalent proficiency) in an Asian language appropriate to the student's academic goals and approved by the academic advisor. Students who plan to pursue graduate work are strongly advised to complete three years, including at least one study abroad in Asia experience.

Courses

U=for undergraduate credit only, UG=for undergraduate or graduate credit, G=for graduate credit. R after the credit indicates the course may be repeated for credit to the maximum indicated after the R. Credits beyond this maximum do not count toward a degree.

Asian Studies (AS)

U 106H The Silk Road 3 cr. Offered autumn and spring. Same as ANTH 106H and HSTR 146H. Introduction to the study of the human communities, cultures, and economies in Central and Southwest Asia along the ancient four thousand mile-long Silk Road.

U 195 Special Topics 1-6 cr. (R-6) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

U 201 East Asian Civilizations 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 240 (HIST 201H). An interdisciplinary, pluralist, and exploratory introduction to civilizations of East Asia.

Primary focus on China, Japan, and Korea, the relations among them and their patterns of interaction with the outside world in pre-modern and modern periods.

U 210H Japanese Culture and Civilization 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as JPNS 130H (JPNS 210H), LS and MCLG 210H. The historical religious, artistic, literary and social developments in Japan from earliest times to the present.

U 211 Chinese Culture and Civilization 3 cr. Offered intermittently. Same as LS and MCLG 211. A comprehensive study of Chinese culture and civilization in the manifold aspects of anthropology, sociology, economics, history, literature, religion, and philosophy.

U 212S Southeast Asian Culture and Civilization 3 cr. Offered intermittently. Same as LS and SOCI 212S (SOC 212H). Introduction to the history, geography, cultures, social organization, and contemporary events of Southeast Asia.

U 213X The Middle East 3 cr. Offered autumn odd-numbered years. Same as GPHY 245X (GEOG 213S) and LS 213X. A survey of the biophysical and cultural geography of Southwest Asia and North Africa. Emphasis on environmental change, pre-history, patterns of cultural and historical change, issues of socio-economic, religious, and political diversity, and the broader political significance of the region.

U 214 Central Asia: Peoples and Environments 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 241 (HIST 214S), LS 214. Introduction to Central Asia's history, culture and ways of thinking. Focus on the political and social organization of Central Asia and cultural changes as expressed in art and interactions with China, India and the Middle East.

U 295 Special Topics Variable cr. (R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

U 345 Central Asia and Its Neighbors 3 cr. Offered spring. Same as HSTR 347 (HIST 346). Analysis of the human communities and cultures of Central and Southwest Asia, with particular emphasis on the importance of relationships with neighboring countries and civilizations since ancient times.

U 395 Special Topics Variable cr. (R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

UG 402 Cities and Landscapes of Central Asia 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 442 (HIST 402). Analysis of the main centers of civilization and culture, rich sites and monuments of Central Asia and Southwest Asia since ancient times.

UG 457 Artistic Traditions of Central and Southwest Asia 3 cr. Offered autumn and spring. Same as HSTR 459 (HIST 457). Analysis of the study of human artistic creativity and scientific innovations of various cultures in Central and Southwest Asia since ancient times.

UG 495 Problems in Asian Studies Variable cr. (R-12) Seminar designed for students with an option in Asian Studies. Regional or temporal focus may vary, depending on the discipline and expertise of the instructor.

Faculty

Professors

- Timothy Bradstock, Ph.D., Harvard University, 1984 (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures)

- Bradley Clough, Ph.D., Columbiz University, 1998 (Liberal Studies)
- Teresa R. Sobieszczyk, Ph.D., Cornell University, 2000 (Sociology)
- Ruth Vanita, Ph.D., Delhi University, 1992 (Liberal Studies)
- Terry Weidner, Ph.D., University of California, 1980 (Mansfield Center)
- G. G. Weix, Ph.D., Cornell University, 1990 (Anthropology)
- Philip West, Ph.D., Harvard University, 1971 (Mansfield Center)