

ASIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

CLARK
UNIVERSITY



Introduction to the Major

Explore the languages, cultures, and history of Asia and deepen your understanding of this region of inspiration and influence.

The multidisciplinary Asian Studies major integrates the social sciences, humanities, arts, and business. Through hands-on learning, research, and study abroad opportunities, you will engage in a program that spans this diverse region. From immersing yourself in post-World War II Japanese literature and film to studying the rapid economic growth of China, you will learn about the traditions, languages, and historical contexts that shape Asian countries — and impact the entire world.

Highlights

Study abroad in China, Japan, Vietnam, India, or another country to gain experience of the world and learn a new language. Many students take advantage of internship opportunities, including during study abroad, to connect what they are learning with their professional development.



"Asian Studies encourages students to develop a diversity of perspectives and experiences that explore the history, culture, and politics of Asian nations and their global diasporas."

- Professor Suzanne Scoggins



What can I do with my major?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Graduates work for international businesses, in diplomacy, academia, and NGOs, and for language and exchange programs including JET in Japan and EPIK in Korea.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni pursue advanced study in linguistics, film, political science, international relations, and more at top schools including UCLA and the University of London.

Major Requirements

Majors focus in one of three areas — China, Japan, or the combined region of East, South, and Southeast Asia — and complete a minor or second major in another department that complements their area of interest. Requirements include:

- Language Requirement
- Minor or Second major
- Five electives from a wide range of disciplines
- One semester of study abroad
- Capstone or honors thesis

Find out more at clarku.edu/programs/major/asian-studies/

YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose



Cultivate Your Communities



Engage Locally & Globally



Develop your Professional Identity

Year 1



Explore the major

Attend the major exploration fair and meet members of the Asian Studies Department. Begin introductory courses in Chinese, Japanese, or a Southeast Asian language.



Discover the campus

Check out Asian studies events on campus. Learn about student organizations such as the Asian Student Union (ASU) and start connecting with peers. Get involved through community engagement fairs.



Explore career options

Meet with an adviser in the Career Connections Center (CCC) to explore different paths. Visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.

Year 3



Plan for senior year and beyond

Are you considering graduate school? Connect with your career adviser to strategize and plan. Notify the Graduate Office if you intend to apply for the 4+1 Accelerated Master's Degree to earn a B.A. and master's in five years. Apply for the honors program if interested.



Get out of here

Study abroad to explore new places and cultures, gain world and work experience, and hone your language skills.



Build your skills

Take on a leadership role with a community organization or student club to build important skills.

Year 2



Develop a resume and start networking

Visit the Career Lab in ASEC to get your resume ready for job and internship applications. Check out the Career Resources Library and upload your resume to Handshake for review and feedback. Create a LinkedIn profile and check out the Alumni Job Shadow Program to connect with alumni with similar interests and experience a day on the job.



Plan for study abroad

Look into options for a semester, year, or summer abroad or away to broaden and deepen your experience. Visit the Study Abroad Office to explore the possibilities.



Apply what you have learned

Find an internship, job, or research opportunity to gain experience and explore your career interests. Consider applying for opportunity funding for summer internships, projects, or research.

Year 4



Pull it all together

Complete your capstone through a 200-level course, directed study, or honors thesis. Make sure you are on track to complete all requirements.



Share your knowledge and give back

Share your passions and your work by presenting at ClarkFEST. Lead a discussion section for an introductory course. Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA).



What's next?

Talk with faculty and your career adviser about your plans. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation. Schedule a mock job interview through the CCC to get feedback. Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn.