Asian Studies (AIST)

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Students electing to major in Asian Studies must also complete a second major in Fulbright College. Selection of the second major should be in consultation with the area studies advisor/director. Freshmen and sophomores considering this program are advised to begin their study of Chinese or Japanese as early as possible.

Requirements for the Asian Studies Combined Major:

Language Competence: Students must complete CHIN 2013 (or equivalent) or JAPN 2013 (or equivalent). Subject to the approval of the Director of Studies, students with language competence in one language (Chinese or Japanese) may receive some elective credit for competence level courses in the other language. Proficiency in other Asian languages may also satisfy this requirement.

- CHIN 2013 (or equivalent) or JAPN 2013 (or equivalent)

In addition to the above language requirement, student must complete 21 hours in Asia-related courses, subject to the following conditions:

Colloquium (3 hours): Students must complete at least three hours in the interdisciplinary colloquium. The AIST Colloquium may be repeated, provided the topic is different.

- AIST 4003(H) Asian Studies Colloquium

Electives (18 hours): AIST electives are subject to the following conditions:

1. Students must complete 6 hours of history courses;
2. Students must complete 6 hours of social science courses;
3. Courses must be selected from at least three different departments;
4. A maximum of nine hours may be submitted from any one department;
5. In addition, the following may be applied towards the major:
   a. Up to 6 hours of upper-level language courses (such as CHIN 3003, CHIN 3033, CHIN 3103, JAPN 3003, JAPN 3013, JAPN 3033);
   b. Up to 6 hours of credits in an approved study-abroad program;
   c. Up to 6 hours of CHIN or JAPN 3983/3983H (Special Studies)
   d. Other Asia-related courses with approval of the director of Asian Studies

- AIST 4003 (If repeated a second time)
- ECON 3933 Japanese Economic System
- ECON 4633 International Trade Policy
- HIST 3503 Far East in Modern Times
- HIST 4813 History of China to 1644
- HIST 4823 Modern China
- HIST 4843 Modern Japan
- JAPN 4213 Japanese Culture
- JAPN 4313/4313H Language and Society of Japan
- MUSY 4113H Honors Ethnomusicology
- MUSY 4313H Special Topics in Asian and Middle Eastern Music
- MUSY 477V/477VH Independent Research in Ethnomusicology
- PLSC 3503 Government and Politics of East Asia
- PLSC 4823 Foreign Policy of East Asia

***This form is NOT a substitute for the Catalog of Studies. Students should verify this information with their advisor, their degree audit, and the Catalog of Studies.***