

ASIAN STUDIES (MINOR)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Asian Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Political Science (<http://louisville.edu/politicalscience/>)

Program: Asian Studies (<http://louisville.edu/asianstudies/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): AST_MINOR

Note: Admission to the major requires a minimum 2.0 cumulative University of Louisville GPA.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
AST 310	Introduction to Asian Studies - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Electives in Humanities (excluding Asian languages)

Select two of the following: 6

AST/CHST 270	Tales of the Chinese Diaspora - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/ARTH 331	Chinese Art	
AST 330/ ARTH 335	Twentieth Century Chinese Artists and Architects - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/ARTH 337	Eastern Asia Landscape Art	
ARTH 339	Architecture and Gardens in China and Japan	
AST/ARTH 531	Special Topics in Asian Art	
AST 390	Topics in Asian Studies-Humanities	
CHST: any course		
HUM 307	East Asian Cultures	
HUM 341	South Asian Religious Thought and Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

HUM 342	Eastern Mysticism	
HUM 343	East Asian Religious Thought and Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
JPST 310	Japanese Culture Through Film - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
JPST 312	Japanese Popular Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
JPST 313	Special Topics in Japanese Studies	
M L 270	Tales of the Chinese Diaspora - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
M L 310	Japanese Culture Through Film - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
M L 313	Special Topics in Language, Literature, or Culture	
Electives in Social Sciences		
Select two of the following: 6		
AST/ANTH 317	Contemporary Chinese Society - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/GEOG 316	Geography of South Asia	
AST 390	Topics in Asian Studies-Humanities	
AST/HIST 396	History of India	
AST/HIST 398	Modern China	
AST/HIST 397	Traditional China	
AST 598	Nationalism and Modernity in East Asia	
AST/POLS 365	The People's Republic of China - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/POLS 366	Politics of East Asia - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
AST/POLS 367	Politics and Government of Southeast Asia	
HIST 584	Women in East Asian History	

POLS 345	Russia and Eurasia - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
POLS 362	Comparative Political Economy
POLS 437	The United States and East Asia - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

Electives in Language

Any course in Chinese or Japanese language	3
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Minimum Total Hours **18**

Many departments offer topics courses that may have an Asian focus, including ARTH 342/ARTH 542 and ARTH 593; GEOG 590; HUM 511; HUM 512; M L 313; WGST 591. Such courses may apply to the minor in Asian Studies with the permission of the program director, who will determine which requirements such courses meet.

No more than 12 hours approved for the minor in Chinese Studies may also apply to the minor in Asian Studies.

Students are encouraged to participate in a study abroad program in Asia. Such a program will substitute for an elective in an area approved by the program director. Credit hours applied to the minor will be determined by the program director.

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.

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