

ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

Coordinator

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Following geographic convention, “Asia” encompasses four cultural areas: Japan; China and its neighbors (Mongolia, Taiwan, the Koreas); insular and mainland Southeast Asia; and the Indian subcontinent, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Himalayan “kingdoms.”

The interdisciplinary Asian Studies minor invites students to explore the diverse histories, cultures, and contemporary issues of Asia from a broad perspective. It fosters global awareness, cross-cultural understanding, and the analytical skills essential for thoughtful citizenship in an increasingly interconnected world. When paired with a complementary major, the minor supports preparation for careers in such fields as business, education, healthcare, international affairs, public service, and nonprofit work—while cultivating the cultural fluency and ethical insight needed for meaningful global engagement.

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Choose 20 credits from the following list. ¹		20
Other courses with relevant content may be approved by the program director. Participation in Linfield Jan Term and semester abroad programs in Asia is especially encouraged. ²		
HIST 125	EAST ASIA SINCE 1800	
HIST 200	MODERN CHINA	
HIST 210	MODERN JAPAN	
HIST/GENS 322	GENDER AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF EAST ASIA	
or HIST 222	GENDER AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF EAST ASIA	
PHIL 160/ GENS 322	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST	
PHIL 375	COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY: ASIAN THOUGHT	
SOAN 229	LOVE, SEX, AND DEATH IN CHINESE CULTURE	
Total Credits		20

¹ At least 12 credits must be at the 200-level or above.

² Courses must have a substantial focus on Asian histories, cultures, and/or contemporary issues. They may explore issues such as: economics, development, and environment; gender, identity, and social structures; history and politics; languages, literature and the arts; philosophies, religious, and ethical traditions.