ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

The Asian Studies minor can complement any of the undergraduate majors available at Montclair State University. This minor offers students the opportunity to focus a segment of their university training on Asia and to engage in this dynamic global and interdisciplinary field of study. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of the cultural, social, political, economic, and global components of issues faced by Asian nations and identities. They will also learn to appreciate and analyze complex cultural objects (text, art, symbols, ceremonies, etc.) and the traditions behind them. Through this course of study, students can better understand the complexity of Asian nations and cultures and the diversity of Asian political and economic systems while gaining insights into global cultural movements of people and ideas and into the global challenges posed by a dynamically changing region.

This minor helps students see, through the lens of literature, religion, philosophy, culture, and politics, how worlds of diverse and interconnected meanings are formed. By concentrating on Asia in the context of multidisciplinary and inter-regional courses, students will have the opportunity to build a comparative understanding of Asia as a discrete, yet complex reality as a critical, dynamic global force.

Program Requirements

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**Departmental Courses**

Select 15 credits of the following from at least 2 different departments:

**Anthropology**

- ANTH 130  Cultures of South Asia

**Art**

- ARHT 280  Asian Art

**English**

- ENGL 235  Contemporary Chinese Women’s Literature

**History**

- HIST 128  Pre-Modern Japan: A History of Japan to the Meiji Restoration
- HIST 129  Modern Japan: A History of Japan From the Meiji Through the Showa
- HIST 131  Introduction to Indian Civilization
- HIST 132  Introduction to Chinese Civilization
- HIST 133  Modern Chinese Civilization
- HIST 138  Introduction to Modern South Asia
- HIST 223  Communist Revolution in China
- HIST 330  Chinese Social History Through Literature
- HIST 431  Development of Indian Character and Culture
- HIST 432  Development of Japanese Character and Culture

**Modern Languages and Literatures**

- CHIN 101  Beginning Chinese I
- CHIN 112  Beginning Chinese II
- CHIN 121  Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 132  Intermediate Chinese II
- CHIN 203  Introduction to Chinese Culture
- CHIN 206  Spoken Chinese

- CHIN 210  Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society
- CHIN 215  Popular Music and Modern Chinese Culture
- CHIN 231  Business Chinese
- CHIN 367  Selected Topics in Chinese Culture
- CHEN 367  Selected Topics in Chinese
- CHIN 375  Chinese Study Abroad
- CHEN 375  Study Abroad: China
- JAPN 101  Beginning Japanese I
- JAPN 112  Beginning Japanese II
- JAPN 121  Intermediate Japanese I
- JAPN 132  Intermediate Japanese II
- JAPN 151  Advanced Japanese I
- JAPN 152  Advanced Japanese II
- JAPN 206  Japanese Conversation and Culture
- JAPN 207  Mastering Kanji through Calligraphy
- JAPN 208  Reading in Japanese
- JAPN 375  Japanese Study Abroad
- KORE 101  Beginning Korean I
- KORE 102  Beginning Korean II
- KORE 121  Intermediate Korean I

**Philosophy**

- PHIL 237  Asian Philosophy

**Political Science**

- POLS 206  Government and Politics of China and Japan
- POLS 340  Government and Politics of India and South Asia
- POLS 362  International Relations in Asia

**Religion**

- RELG 213  Buddhism
- RELG 214  Asian Texts
- RELG 215  Hinduism
- RELG 217  Taoism
- RELG 240  Asian Religions

Additional courses may be used with the approval of the Program Director. Contact Program Director for details.

Total Credits: 18

1 CHIN are courses with student work in Chinese. CHEN are courses with student work in English.