ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

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The Asian Studies Minor is designed for undergraduates and can complement any of the undergraduate majors of 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 related to Asian nations and identities; they will learn to appreciate and analyze complex cultural objects (text, art, symbols, ceremonies, etc), as well as the traditions behind them. Through such a 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. And by concentrating on Asia in the context of multidisciplinary and inter-regional courses students will have the opportunity for a more solid, in depth, comparative understanding of Asia as a discrete yet complex reality and as a critical, dynamic global force.

Complete 18 credits from the courses listed below. Additional elective courses may be taken with the approval of the Asian Studies Minor Coordinator. Please contact the coordinator for further details.

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

**Chinese**
- 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 215 Popular Music and Modern Chinese Culture
- CHEN 210 Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society
- CHEN 367 Selected Topics in Chinese
- CHEN 375 Study Abroad: China

**Japanese**
- 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 375 Japanese Study Abroad

**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