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

**History**

- 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 432 Development of Japanese Character and Culture

**World Languages and Cultures**

- CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese I
- CHIN 112 Beginning Chinese II
- CHIN 121 Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 132 Intermediate Chinese II
- CHIN 206 Spoken Chinese
- CHIN 210 Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society
- or CHEN 210 Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society
- CHIN 215 Popular Music and Modern Chinese Culture
- CHIN 303 Introduction to Chinese Culture
- CHIN 331 Business Chinese
- CHIN 375 Chinese 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

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