

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

Code	Title	Credits
Requirement		
HUMN 217	Reading Asian Cultures	3
Departmental Courses		
Select 15 credits of the following from at least 2 different departments:		15
<i>Anthropology</i>		
ANTH 130	Cultures of South Asia	
<i>Art</i>		
ARHT 280	Asian Art	
<i>History</i>		
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	
<i>World Languages and Cultures</i>		
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 ¹	
	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 ¹	

or 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 206	Japanese Conversation and Culture
JAPN 207	Kanji through Reading
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
WLNC 368	Special Topics in Chinese Culture

Philosophy

PHIL 237	Asian Philosophy
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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.