

# 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
<b>Requirement</b>		
GNHU 217	Reading Asian Cultures	3
<b>Departmental Courses</b>		
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>Chinese</i>		
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 or CHIN 210 Contemporary Chinese Cinema and Society	
CHEN 367	Selected Topics in Chinese or CHIN 367 Selected Topics in Chinese Culture	
CHEN 375	Study Abroad: China or CHIN 375 Chinese Study Abroad	
<i>English</i>		
ENGL 235	Contemporary Chinese Women's Literature	
<i>History</i>		
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 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
<i>Japanese</i>	
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
<i>Philosophy</i>	
PHIL 237	Asian Philosophy
<i>Political Science</i>	
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
<i>Religion</i>	
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.	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>18</b>