

Major in Asian Studies

As a global presence in culture, economy, and politics, Asia is no longer *over there*. Indeed, Asia is here! By studying Asian civilizations and contemporary societies and the Asian experience in North America, we come to understand a significant part of humanity and acquire insight into ourselves. The University at Buffalo offers an interdisciplinary B.A. concentration exploring many facets of Asia. For consultation, contact the Asian Studies Program.

Students who major in Asian Studies find vocational opportunities in international business, government service, non-governmental organizations, and the arts. Some go on to professional schools in such fields as management, finance, diplomacy, and law. Others pursue graduate degrees and enter Asia-related academic careers. Students who combine a Major in Asian Studies with another field through a Double Major or a Joint Major are particularly well suited for vocations which require disciplinary/professional training coupled with Asian language skills and cultural understanding.

Core courses, all required (10 hours)

AS 101: *Asian Studies* (1 hour)

HIS 182: *Asian Civilization II*

AS 110: *The Asian American Experience*

PSC 229: *East Asian Political Economy*

An Asian language (12-18 hours, or 6-8 hours* beyond the General Education language requirement) Four semesters. Students who are native speakers of an Asian language may test out of the language requirement and be required to offer in its place two additional, three-hour courses in the Upper elective category or two semesters of an Asia language other than their own.

Upper level electives (18 hours) Approved courses at the 300-400 level. 9 hours must relate to the culture or region of the language selected. At least 6 hours must be in the social sciences and at least 6 hours in the humanities. Up to 6 hours of language courses at the 300-level and above may be counted.

AS 498: *Senior Research in Asian Studies* (3 hours). It will be offered next in Spring '07.

Total hours: 37-39, in addition to the General Education language requirement.

*Some second-year languages courses are four hours, others are three hours per semester.

