

Asian Studies, BA

Department: Asian Studies Program

College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

The Asian studies program focuses on the study of peoples, cultures, and institutions of Asia. Coursework is multidisciplinary, consisting of history, geography, and Asian language classes. Through the program, students obtain an understanding of the foundation and functioning of political, economic, and social institutions of Asia. They also gain proficiency in at least one Asian language and develop an understanding of similarities and differences among Asian nations with respect to ethnicity, history, culture, religion, and institutions.

It is highly recommended, but not required, that students spend at least one term of their education participating in a study abroad program. Living and studying in Asia provides students with a greater depth of knowledge and experience that cannot be gained in a classroom setting.

Career Options

Asian studies majors graduate with the skills necessary for a wide variety of careers. They are also well-prepared for graduate school. Graduates with a bachelor's degree can pursue the following careers:

- Translator
- Training and development (training employees from companies who will work abroad)
- International business
- Humanitarian aid
- International relations
- Teaching

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's [admissions requirements](#), the Asian studies program has additional requirements:

- **Freshmen:** New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
- **Transfer Students:** Transfer students from other institutions need a 2.2 GPA for admission to this major. Students transferring from other USU majors need a GPA of 2.0 for admission to this major.

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts**.

It is highly recommended, but not required, that students complete at least one term of living and studying experience in Asia.

Contact

Advising

All new USU students participate in a [New Student Orientation](#) program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

The Association for Asian Studies: AAS is a scholarly, non-political, non-profit professional association open to all persons interested in Asia and the study of Asia. With approximately 7,000 members worldwide, representing all the regions and countries of Asia and all academic disciplines, the AAS is the largest organization of its kind. Through its publications, online resources, regional conferences, and annual conference, the AAS provides its members with a unique and invaluable professional network.

Chinese Club: This is where all ethnicities are invited to learn about the Chinese culture through exciting activities.

Labs, Centers, Research

With the second oldest [undergraduate research](#) program in the nation, USU offers students a wide range of opportunities to gain hands-on research experience. The [Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities](#) program allows students to apply for grants and receive funding. USU's [Honors Program](#) prepares students for excellent graduate programs by helping them build relationships with professors, participate in research projects, take smaller, more intensive classes, and develop leadership skills.

Technology Assisted Language Center: This center serves primarily as a self-paced, language practice facility for students majoring in foreign languages.