

# BA IN ASIAN STUDIES (JAPANESE STUDIES)

Units required for Major: 36

Total units required for BA: 120

<sup>1</sup> These 36 units include 12 units of study in a student's chosen concentration and units equivalent to the last two semesters of an Asian language appropriate to student's concentration by coursework or a language proficiency examination provided by the Department of Foreign Languages (see below)

## Program Description

Pacific Asia, including the nation states on the Asian shores of the Pacific Rim, the Koreas, Japan, China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, and Indonesia, is a region of great economic, political and strategic importance, possessing immense natural and human resources.

The major is designed to provide students with a coherent introduction to the language, history, and culture of Asian societies on the western rim of the Pacific Basin. While focusing on Pacific Asia, the program also supports the study of cultures from the Indian subcontinent and other regions of Asia. Each concentration provides an interdisciplinary understanding of the major social and historical forces at work in the region, supported by appropriate language training.

Graduates of the program either continue their studies at graduate institutions or utilize their knowledge and training through employment in government, business or education relating to this increasingly important region of the world.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Requirements (15 Units)</b>		
ART 3A or ART 3B	Traditional Asian Art <sup>1</sup> Modern and Contemporary Asian Art	3
ASIA 198 or HIST 192C	Modernity and Globalization in Asia ✍️ Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asian History	3
HIST 6	Asian Civilizations <sup>1</sup>	3
HRS 70 or HRS 71	Arts and Ideas of Asia: Ancient to Medieval <sup>1</sup> Arts and Ideas of Asia: Medieval to Modern	3
GOVT 145 or MUSC 119A	World Music: Asia	3
<b>Concentration Requirements (12 Units)</b>		
Select four courses from one of the following concentrations:		12
Japanese Studies Concentration		
Chinese Studies Concentration		
South and Southeast Asian Concentration		
Korean Studies Concentration		
<b>Electives (9 Units)</b>		
Select 9 units from three different groupings: <sup>2</sup>		9
<i>Group 1: Japan</i>		
ANTH 134	Japanese Culture and Society	
HIST 146A	Cultural History of Japan to 1800	

HIST 146B	Modern Japan, 1800-present
HIST 146C	The History of Manga
HRS 174	Modern Japanese Literature and Culture
JAPN 120	Japanese Civilization
<i>Group 2: China</i>	
ANTH 148	Anthropology of Chinese Societies
CHIN 120	Chinese Civilization
CHIN 150	Survey of Chinese Literature
HIST 148A	China: Antiquity to 1600 AD
HIST 148B	China, 1600 to Present
HRS 172	The Classical Culture of China
HRS 173	Chinese Philosophy and Religion
PHIL 145A	Chinese Philosophy ✍️
<i>Group 3: Korea</i>	
ASIA 134	History of Modern Korea
ASIA 135	Contemporary Korean Culture
ASIA 136	Korean Development and Behavior
ART 117C	Art of Korea
EDUC 128	Education and Communication in Korean Society
<i>Group 4: South and South-East Asia</i>	
ANTH 147	Peoples of Southeast Asia
ANTH 149	Cultures of South Asia
ART 117A	Art of India and Southeast Asia
ASIA 151	Genocide in Southeast Asia
GEOG 125	
HIST 144	Indonesia, 1965: Context, Causes, and Consequences of Cold War Mass Murder
HIST 145	South Asian History & Civilization
HIST 149	The Making of Modern Southeast Asia
HIST/HRS 147	History of Buddhism
HRS 178	Religions of India
PHIL 145B	Philosophies Of India ✍️
<i>Group 5: Asian-American</i>	
ENGL 180M	Asian American Literature ✍️
ETHN 110	The Asian American Experience
ETHN 111	Southeast Asians in the US
ETHN 112	Contemporary Asian American Issues
ETHN 113	Asian American Communities
ETHN 114	Asian Americans and Globalization
ETHN 116	Asian American Politics and Public Policy
ETHN/WOMS 118	Asian American Women
ETHN 119	The Filipino American Experience
ETHN 121	Hmong American Experiences
ETHN 122	Sikh Americans and Globalization
ETHN 167	Asian American Families: Issues and Perspectives
<i>Group 6: Pan-Asia</i>	
ASIA 110	Anthropology of Contemporary Asia
ART 113B	Asian Art and Mythology
ART 115	Topics in Asian Art
ART 117B	Art of China and Japan
ASIA/HIST 140	Modern East Asian Cinema ✍️

GEOG 125	
HIST/HRS 147	History of Buddhism
HRS 171	Introduction to the East Asian World
HRS 175	Zen Buddhism and Daoism
HRS 176	The Confucian Tradition
WOMS 121	
<i>Group 7: Advanced Language</i>	
CHIN 110	Advanced Mandarin
JAPN 110	Introduction to Japanese Literature
JAPN 116A	Third Year Japanese 1 - Language and Culture of Japan
JAPN 116B	Third Year Japanese 2 - Language and Culture of Japan
JAPN 150	Advanced Japanese Grammar, Conversation
<i>Group 8: Fieldwork-Internships</i>	
Select one of the following:	
ASIA 195	Internship: Asian Studies
Approved Internships or Fieldwork in other departments	
<b>Language Proficiency Requirement</b>	
Select from the following courses to fulfill the proficiency requirements: <sup>1,3</sup>	
CHIN 1A	Elementary Mandarin
CHIN 1B	Elementary Mandarin
CHIN 2A	Intermediate Mandarin
CHIN 2B	Intermediate Mandarin
KORN 1A	Elementary Korean 1A
KORN 1B	Elementary Korean 1B
KORN 2A	Intermediate Korean 2A
KORN 2B	Intermediate Korean 2B
JAPN 1A	Elementary Japanese
JAPN 1B	Elementary Japanese
JAPN 2A	Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 2B	Intermediate Japanese
PUNJ 1A	Elementary Punjabi
PUNJ 1B	Elementary Punjabi
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Students must take 9 units of electives from three different groupings. Students are not permitted to take an elective from their area of concentration. In other words, Japanese Studies Concentration Majors cannot take courses from group 1, Chinese Studies Concentration Majors cannot take courses from group 2, and Southeast Asia Concentration Majors cannot take courses from group 3.

<sup>3</sup> Students must demonstrate proficiency at a level equivalent to four semesters of an Asian language appropriate to their concentration by coursework or a language proficiency examination provided by the Department of Foreign Languages. Students concentrating in South or Southeast Asia can demonstrate proficiency in any South or Southeast Asian Language.

## Concentration in Japanese Studies (12 units)

Code	Title	Units
Select four of the following:		12
ANTH 134	Japanese Culture and Society	
HIST 146A	Cultural History of Japan to 1800	
HIST 146B	Modern Japan, 1800-present	
HIST 146C	The History of Manga	
HRS 174	Modern Japanese Literature and Culture	
JAPN 120	Japanese Civilization	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>12</b>

## General Education Requirements<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (3 Units)</b>		
C1	Arts <sup>2</sup>	0
C2	Humanities <sup>2</sup>	0
C1/C2	Area C Course <sup>2</sup>	0
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (12 Units)</b>		
Area D Course		3
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Area D Course		3
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>		
Area E Course		3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>40</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)</b>		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI)		3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (6 Units)</b>		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>2,3</sup>		0

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<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

## Asian Studies (Japanese Studies), BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ART 3A or ART 3B	Traditional Asian Art <sup>3</sup> or Modern and Contemporary Asian Art	3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
GE Area 1A - English Composition <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
HIST 6	Asian Civilizations	3
HRS 70 or HRS 71	Arts and Ideas of Asia: Ancient to Medieval <sup>3</sup> or Arts and Ideas of Asia: Medieval to Modern	3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>		3

Foreign Language Semester 1 <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory <sup>2</sup>		1
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ASIA 198 or HIST 192C	Modernity and Globalization in Asia <sup>3</sup> or Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asian History	3
MUSC 119A	World Music: Asia	3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>120</b>

## Asian Studies (Japanese Studies), BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 <sup>2</sup>		4
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
MUSC 119A	World Music: Asia	3
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 <sup>2</sup>		4

Upper Division Elective		3
	<b>Units</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ASIA 198 or HIST 192C	Modernity and Globalization in Asia <sup>3</sup> or Seminar in Recent Interpretations of Asian History	3
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
	<b>Units</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Japanese Studies Concentration <sup>3</sup>		3
Asian Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
	<b>Units</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>62</b>

<sup>1.</sup> Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.

<sup>2.</sup> Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** ([https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-%20workflow/\\_internal/\\_documents/program-road-maps/als\\_2yr/art\\_transfer-%20roadmap-2024-25.pdf](https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-%20workflow/_internal/_documents/program-road-maps/als_2yr/art_transfer-%20roadmap-2024-25.pdf)).

<sup>3.</sup> Please see an academic advisor for elective options.