Benefits of a Minor Degree in Asian Studies

Students who choose to minor in Asian Studies benefit from broad geographical and topical course offerings. Education received in these courses, combined with the student’s major degree, offers students cultural breadth to distinguish themselves in the job market, provides them with the basis for future graduate study, or lays a foundation for overseas employments be it in Business, Communications, English instruction, or International finance.

Asian Interest Organizations at JMU

Asian Student Union
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/ASU

Chinese Students Association
orgs.jmu.edu/csa/

Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/cssa

Filipino Americans at Madison (FAM)
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/FAM

Japanese Language and Culture Club (Japan Club)
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/JapanClub

Korean Christian Fellowship (KCF)
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/KoreanChristian

Korean Students Association
beinvolved.jmu.edu/organization/orgs_jmu_edu_KSA

Liberty in North Korea (LiNK)
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Vietnamese Student Association
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Asian Studies Minor

This minor offers students a broad, interdisciplinary perspective on the cultures, history, political institutions, economy and geography of Asia. The program provides students a background in the most populous and economically dynamic region of the world.

The minimum requirement for a minor in Asian Studies is 18 credit hours. These can include any of the approved minor courses listed with maximum of seven to eight hours of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Hindi language applied (but not mandatory) toward the minor.

Students are also encouraged to participate in study abroad programs available to experience Asia first hand. Students may receive academic credit with the prior approval of the program coordinator. For further information concerning the Asian Studies minor, please contact Yongguang Hu, History, by phone at (540) 568-3607, or email hu2yx@jmu.edu.

Asian Studies Minor Courses

- ANTH 197. Archaeology
- ANTH 295. Peoples and Cultures of East Asia
- ARTH 430. Far Eastern Art
- CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese
- CHIN 102. Elementary Chinese
- CHIN 231. Intermediate Chinese
- CHIN 232. Intermediate Chinese
- CHIN 300. Chinese Grammar and Communication
- CHIN 397. Intensive Reading and Writing in Chinese
- CHIN 490. Special Studies in Chinese
- ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems
- ENG 378. Studies in South Asian Literature
- GEOG 334. Geography of East and Southeast Asia
- GEOG 338. Geography of the Philippine Islands: Problems and Possibilities
- HUM 200. Great Works – Asia
- HUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspectives – East Asian Humanities
- HUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspectives – Global South Asia
- HIST 273. East Asia to 1600
- HIST 274. Modern East Asia
- HIST 311. China to 1600
- HIST 312. Japan since 1600
- HIST 371. India
- HIST 375. History of Modern Southeast Asia
- HIST 377. History of Korea
- HIST 378. China in the Modern World
- HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia
- HIST 460. Modern Japan
- IBUS 298-I. Business Environment in China and Southeast Asia
- IBUS 298-II. Doing Business in China
- JAPN 101. Elementary Japanese
- JAPN 102. Elementary Japanese
- JAPN 111. Intensive Japanese I
- JAPN 112. Intensive Japanese II
- JAPN 231. Intermediate Japanese
- JAPN 232. Intermediate Japanese
- JAPN 300. Japanese Grammar and Communication
- KOR 101. Elementary Korean
- KOR 102. Elementary Korean
- KOR 231. Intermediate Korean
- KOR 232. Intermediate Korean
- POSC 355. East Asian Politics
- REL 310. Hindu Traditions
- REL 312. Religions of East Asia
- REL 313. Hindu Ethics
- REL 314. Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation
- REL 317. Exploring Gandhian Philosophy of Nonviolence
- REL 318. Exploring Contemporary India
- REL/PHIL 385. Buddhist Thought

Asian Studies Faculty

- Dr. Morgan Benton, Assistant Professor of Integrated Science and Technology (Japan)
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- Dr. Yongguang Hu, Coordinator
  Assistant Professor of History (China)
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- Dr. Sushil Mittal, Professor of Religion (India)
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- Dr. Ken Rutherford, Director, Center for International Stabilization and Recovery
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- Dr. Megan Tracy, Associate Professor of Anthropology (China)
- Dr. Johnathan Walker, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies (Philippines, Taiwan)
- Dr. Ping Wang, Associate Professor of CIS/MS (China)
- Dr. Yi Edward Yang, Associate Professor of Political Science (China)
- Dr. Daniel Zisk, Lecturer of Management (China)