



# Asian Studies Major at Cornell University

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A major in Asian Studies is rewarding for students of all backgrounds, as the global presence of Asia becomes ever more visible. This degree offers students career opportunities in law, business, government, journalism, arts, education, post-secondary education, and more.

Asian Studies encompasses the geographical areas of East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, with opportunities to specialize in one of the three regions. The department's courses through the 4400-level are taught in English and are open to all students in the university.

## Prerequisites:

Applicants must first successfully receive a minimum grade of a B in at least two Asia content courses. These may include one language course, but writing seminars do not fulfill the requirement. The major must be declared no later than the second semester of the junior year. Admission to the major after the start of the seventh semester will be by petition only.

## To Apply for the Major:

1. Complete the application form for the Asian Studies Major, which can be obtained from the Asian Studies Department Office at 350 Rockefeller Hall. (Please note the narrative component of the application.)
2. Choose a major advisor from the Department of Asian Studies faculty based on academic interests, and obtain his or her approval of the application.
3. Schedule an appointment with the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Asian Studies Department, ([asianstudiesdus@cornell.edu](mailto:asianstudiesdus@cornell.edu)).
4. Write entry statement of roughly 750 words describing your core academic interest and your object in choosing the Asian Studies Major.
5. Bring the application, Cornell transcript (either official or informal), and the entry statement to the meeting with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
6. Return approved forms to the Asian Studies Department Office, 350 Rockefeller Hall.

## Other Opportunities in Asian Studies:

Honor's Work: Eligible students maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.7 in all Asian Studies area courses and successfully complete an honors essay during the senior year. Applications can be obtained at the Asian Studies Department Office at 350 Rockefeller Hall and submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies during the second semester of the junior year. See the Department Office for more information.

# Application to Major in Asian Studies

*\*Must be submitted by end of junior year or by special petition.\**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

CU ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Net ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Distribution Requirements Fulfilled** (This section must be filled out before turning in at 350 Rockefeller)

### I. **Science and Quantitative Reasoning:** (4 courses)

1. Physical & Biological Sciences (PBS): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR): \_\_\_\_\_

### II. **Humanities and Social Sciences:** (5 courses of 3 or more credits; must include at least one course from 4 different categories & no more than 3 in the same department, including cross-listed courses)

1. Cultural Analysis (CA) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historical Analysis (HA) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Knowledge, Cognition, Moral Reasoning (KCM) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Literature and the Arts (LA) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Social and Behavioral Analysis (SBA) \_\_\_\_\_

III. **Breadth:** Geographical (GB): \_\_\_\_\_ Historical (HB): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have another major (or majors)? Yes  No

If yes, other major(s)/Faculty Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to DROP your previous major? Yes  No

Are you a dual degree student? Yes  No  If yes, what other College?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Study:** China  Japan  Korea  South Asia  Southeast Asia

**\*Attach a statement of roughly 750 words describing your core academic interest and your objective in choosing the Asian Studies Major. In addition, please attach a proposed list of courses.\***

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Faculty Advisor Signature Print Name Date

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Director of Undergraduate Studies Signature Print Name Date

**Please return approved form to the Department of Asian Studies, 350 Rockefeller Hall.**