

ASIAN STUDIES

Home to major philosophical, religious, artistic, and political traditions that have shaped global history, Asia remains critically important in understanding the contemporary transnational marketplace and international politics. The Asian Studies Program offers students a variety of courses and a multidisciplinary framework for the exploration and interpretation of the diverse societies, cultures, and politics of Asia and the Asian diaspora. Faculty with research and teaching expertise in Asia from a wide range of departments within the College work together to develop courses and activities that create opportunities for students to understand traditional and contemporary histories, social and political movements, religious foundations and transformations, economic development, philosophical traditions, and artistic productions within Asia, globally, and in diaspora. Students can receive training in Asian languages at the College or through other programs, such as Study Abroad or the Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts. In addition to serving as a focus of a broad liberal arts education, Asian Studies provides majors and minors the benefit of interdisciplinary training that can lead to careers in international affairs, public policy, law, business, journalism, technology, health development, scholarship, and the arts.

Study Abroad and Off-Campus Study Opportunities

Students are encouraged to study in Asia for a semester or an academic year. Currently, Holy Cross offers programs in China, Indonesia, Japan, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

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Academic Plans within Asian Studies

- Asian Studies Major (<https://catalog.holycross.edu/academic-plans/asian-studies/asian-studies-major/>)
- Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.holycross.edu/academic-plans/asian-studies/asian-studies-minor/>)

Listed below are courses in departments that count toward the Asian Studies major and minor. Please refer to the individual departments within the catalog for full course descriptions. Each year faculty offer new courses that are not yet in the Catalog but that count toward the Asian Studies major and minor. Please refer to the course guide and the Asian Studies website for these additional listings.

Code	Title
ASTD 110	Asian American Studies
ANTH 269	Fashion & Consumption
ANTH 310	Ethnographic Field Methods
CHIN 101 & CHIN 102	Elementary Chinese 1 and Elementary Chinese 2
CHIN 103	Introduction to Chinese Culture
CHIN 201 & CHIN 202	Intermediate Chinese 1 and Intermediate Chinese 2
CHIN 250	Traditional Chinese Literature
CHIN 251	China and the Environment
CHIN 255	Chin Cult Through Camera's Eye
CHIN 260	Chinese Linguistics
CHIN 270	The Legend of the Monkey King

CHIN 301 & CHIN 302	Third Year Chinese 1 and Third Year Chinese 2
CHIN 401 & CHIN 402	Fourth Year Chinese 1 and Fourth Year Chinese 2
CHIN 404	Introduction to Literary Chinese 1
CHIN 491	Tutorial
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CLAS 188	Alexander the Great and Asia
ECON 221	Econ Development Modern China
ECON 309	Comparative Economic Systems
ENGL 356	American Immigrant Narratives
ENGL 375	Asian American Literature
HIST 155	World War II in East Asia
HIST 280	Modern India
HIST 281	Imperial China
HIST 286	Modern Japan
MUSC 231 & MUSC 232	Music Of Bali-Gamelan 1 and Music Of Bali-Gamelan 2
MUSC 233	World Music
PHIL 112	Chinese Political Philosophy
PHIL 255	Asian Philosophy
PHIL 300	Emotion and Reason: East & West
PHIL 320	Self-Realization & Transcendence
PHIL 361	Confucian Values & Human Rights
POLS 275	International Political Economy
POLS 276	South Asian Politics
POLS 278	East Asia in World Politics
RELS 106	Buddhism
RELS 107	Islam
RELS 108	Hinduism
RELS 120	Comparative Religions/World View
RELS 165	Ancient and Medieval Hinduism
RELS 216	Readings: Asian Sacred Texts
RELS 255	Ecology & Religion
RELS 260	Comparative Mysticism & Human Ecology
RELS 311	Zen Buddhism
RELS 312	Theravada Buddhism
RELS 340	Gardens & World Religions
THEA 126	Asia on Stage
THEA 131	Balinese Dance 1 - 2
THEA 232	Balinese Dance 3 - 4
VAHI 203	Arts of Asia