

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Asian Studies at the University of Utah provides a deep understanding of the peoples, politics, and history of Asia. Through the rigorous study of languages, societies, and culture, you will form a basis for understanding global issues and their impact within a region of Asia (Asia Pacific, China, Japan, Korea, Russia, South Asia, or Southeast Asia).

In this major, you will develop descriptive, analytical, and methodological skills to understand your chosen region and culture of Asia. With coursework grounded in language, you will gain or expand on your proficiency in one of the Asian languages taught at the U (Cambodian, Chinese, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Samoan, or Vietnamese). You will also select a variety of Asia-focused classes from across campus. This interdisciplinary approach gives you the flexibility to tailor your education to suit your interests, passions, and future goals; you can pair Asian Studies with pre-health courses, a minor, a second major, and/or co-curricular activities.

Asian Studies is increasingly crucial to many fields including education, healthcare, non-profits, and business. You will be able to practice your critical language and cultural skills through first-hand experience by studying abroad, interning in a related field, developing a research project, and/or working directly with local communities. You will leave the U prepared to effectively interact with diverse populations; understand cultures, backgrounds, and languages; and provide valuable contributions to diverse communities.




LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Develop or expand proficiency in a foreign language(s) in order to navigate an Asian nation and communicate with its people.
- Build a base of Asia-oriented knowledge, skills, and global awareness that equips you for an international career.
- Demonstrate an understanding of history, cultures, and fundamental ideas and institutions of Asia.
- Analyze and communicate about contemporary issues of Asia and Asian Diasporas through a critical, interdisciplinary lens.

PLAN & PREPARE

At the U, we plan for our students to have an Exceptional Educational Experience identified by four broad categories we call the Learning Framework: Community, Knowledge & Skills, Transformation, and Impact. This major map will help you envision, explore, design, and plan your personalized Exceptional Educational Experience with the Learning Framework at the core. In addition to assisting you in planning your coursework and navigating the requirements of your major, this map will help you incorporate other kinds of experiences to expand your knowledge, support your development, and prepare you for the future you want.

GET STARTED TODAY

-  Schedule an appointment with an advisor: advising.utah.edu
-  Visit ugs.utah.edu
-  Learn more about the Learning Framework: ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework



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ASIAN STUDIES
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Community



Knowledge & Skills



Transformation



Impact

"Asian Studies gave me the perspective that I needed to go into international law in an unbiased and more objective way... it also gave me the opportunity to study abroad three times, which was invaluable to me."

*>> Alyssa Wall
Editor, NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*

ASIAN STUDIES

Use this map to explore, envision, design, and plan your Exceptional Educational Experience.

GETTING STARTED

MAKING PROGRESS

FINISHING UP

WHERE CAN I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

COURSES

- Take HIST 1210 - Asian Traditions and HIST 1220 - Asian Modern Societies
- Begin language coursework at the 1010 level; check with an advisor if you have previous language experience
- Discuss regional focus areas with an advisor

- Begin courses in your regional focus:
 - China: HIST 3510 - Modern China
 - Japan: HIST 3530 - Modern Japan
 - Korea: KOREA 3100 - Korean Culture thru Film
 - South/Southeast Asia: ARTH 3060 - Arts of Buddhism
 - Asia Pacific: ANTH 3151 - Peoples of the Pacific

- Complete ASTP 3001 - Exploring Asia
- Continue language & conversation courses
- Earn credit through study abroad or global internships

- Complete 5000+ level courses
- Finish language and conversation courses
- Complete an internship and/or research project

COMMUNITY

- Apply for Humanities Scholars
- Attend a club meeting - Korean Club, Chinese Corner, Anime Club, VASA¹, AASA², PISA³
- Follow UofU Asia Center on Facebook and @uofu.ias on Instagram for events

- Apply to live in the Humanities House
- Join a club and participate consistently
- Volunteer with the Bennion Center, Intercultural Engagement, English Skills Learning Center, English Language Institute, or World Refugee Day

- Become a peer mentor or an ambassador for international students with the International Student and Scholar Services Office

- Get involved with the Alumni Association
- Apply for leadership within ASUU⁴ or campus clubs
- Participate in the AASA High School Conference

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Meet with an advisor every semester
- Select complementary Gen Ed courses
- Attend a scholarship workshop
- Visit the Knowledge Commons in the Marriott Library
- Work on essays at the Writing Center
- Explore double majors and minors

- Try job shadowing and conduct informational interviews
- Apply for a local internship through the Humanities Internship Coordinator
- Take a research methods course related to your interests

- Attend Marriott Library workshops
- Attend an Office of Undergraduate Research Workshop and apply for research opportunities through UROP⁵
- Create your graduation plan
- Declare a second major or minor if desired

- Present research at a conference
- Seek mentoring opportunities with professionals
- Take a test prep course for your graduate school applications (GRE, GMAT, etc.) at Continuing Education and Community Engagement

TRANSFORMATION

- Participate in a Bennion Center Saturday Service Project
- Utilize faculty office hours
- Attend a Learning Abroad 101 session
- Attend Hinckley Forums

- Go on an Alternative Break or study abroad
- Chat about goal-setting outside of the classroom with your advisor
- Apply for fellowships (Goff, Sorenson, Sustainability Scholars, etc.)
- Attend the Learning Abroad Returnee Student Panel

- Compete in HIP Talks at the Hinckley Institute
- Apply to be an Alternative Break Student Site Leader
- Identify a faculty mentor
- Take a Hinckley course - HNKLY 3910, HNKLY 4905, or HNKLY 4914

- Apply for the Oxford Human Rights Consortium
- Apply for post-grad fellowships
- Complete a global internship
- Submit to the *Hinckley Research Journal*

IMPACT

- Live in the Bennion Service House
- Brainstorm a list of topics you care about
- Connect to campus events and use ArtsPass
- Attend MUSE⁶ Casual Fridays

- Identify a community or topic where you want to make an impact
- Seek out leadership opportunities through Student Leadership and Involvement

- Apply to be a MUSE Scholar
- Work with your faculty mentor on an impact project
- Connect with a MUSE professor
- Apply to the Bennion Scholars Program

- Apply for a Presidential Internship
- Become a mentor for other students
- Complete the Bennion Scholars Capstone

CAREER

- Activate your Handshake account
- Find different career paths at the Going Global Career Panel
- Visit the CPDC⁷
- Explore careers through CPDC workshops, Meet and Eats, and Career Treks

- Apply for a job on campus
- Make internship connections with networkers at the Going Global Career Panel
- Attend the Career Fair
- Draft your resume and use walk-in hours at CPDC for feedback

- Speak with your advisor about alumni you can connect with
- Create a LinkedIn Profile and review alumni profiles
- Register for HUM 3960 – Humanities Career Compass
- Meet with a Career Coach

- Join AlumniFire
- Network for career paths and future job opportunities at the Going Global Panel
- Attend the Career Conference
- Practice mock interviews

- Banking & Finance
- Business Operations
- Campaign Management
- Consulting
- Education/Teaching
- Foreign Service
- Global Health
- Government/Politics
- Health Administration
- Health Services
- International Business
- International Development
- International Education
- International Law
- International Relations
- Law School
- Legal Services
- Marketing & Media
- Medical School
- Museums/Public History
- Non-Profits/Advocacy
- Peace Corps/Fulbright
- Public Administration
- Security Services
- Social Services
- Think Tanks
- Translation/Interpreting
- Travel & Tourism

¹Vietnamese American Student Association ²Asian American Student Association ³Pacific Islander Student Association ⁴Associated Students of the University of Utah ⁵Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program ⁶My U Signature Experience ⁷Career & Professional Development Center