

# Asian and Asian American Studies

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## Field Description

The interdisciplinary concentration in Asian and Asian American studies introduces students to the methods and concerns of a wide spectrum of disciplines: anthropology, art history, history, linguistics, literature, political science, and sociology. Recognizing the importance of Asia in the international context and the impact of Asian American communities on U.S. society, Asian and Asian American studies prepares students to participate in an increasingly diverse and globalized society.

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## The Major

Arts and Sciences Ad Hoc Major in Asian And Asian American Studies

Students can combine Asian and Asian American studies courses with other liberal arts disciplines as well as courses in international business to devise a unique arts and sciences ad hoc major. The arts and sciences ad hoc major requires 30--33 credits. The program must be approved by the Office of the Associate Dean, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences. Students interested in including Asian and Asian American studies courses as part of an arts and sciences ad hoc major should contact Professor Tansen Sen, Department of History, at 646-312-4319 or [tansen.sen@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:tansen.sen@baruch.cuny.edu).

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## The Minor

The minor in Asian and Asian American studies is an interdisciplinary concentration offering the advanced study of Asian cultures and the histories and experiences of communities of Asian descent residing in the United States. This 9-credit minor is an ideal choice for students majoring in accounting, business, finance, management, or any discipline in the liberal arts. This minor is particularly recommended for students who are preparing for careers in education, law, business, social work, journalism, politics, and nonprofit organizations.

To complete the minor in Asian and Asian American studies, students are required to take two courses numbered 3000 and higher from the list below, and the capstone course in Asian and Asian American studies. In addition to fulfilling the 9-credit requirement, students interested in the Asian and Asian American studies minor are strongly advised to take at least one year of Chinese or Japanese language courses.

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## Required Courses

|           |  |           |
|-----------|--|-----------|
| AAS 4900  | Capstone Course: Critical Issues in Asian and Asian American Studies | 3 credits |
| <i>or</i> |  |           |
| AAS 4010  | Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective ( SOC 4010)                | 3 credits |

## Electives

Choose two course numbered 3000 or higher from the following:

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|----------|--|-----------|
| AAS 3080 | A Survey of Asian History ( HIS 3080)                        | 3 credits |
| AAS 3085 | Topics in Asian and Asian American Studies                   | 3 credits |
| AAS 3175 | The Lives of Hinduism ( ANT 3175, REL 3175, SOC 3175)        | 3 credits |
| AAS 3345 | Asian American History ( HIS 3345)                           | 3 credits |
| AAS 3346 | The Rise of Asia in World Affairs ( HIS 3346), ( POL 3346)   | 3 credits |
| AAS 3540 | The Tradition of Islam ( ANT 3540), ( REL 3540), ( SOC 3540) | 3 credits |
| AAS 3820 | History of Chinese Religion ( HIS 3820)                      | 3 credits |
| AAS 3821 | South Asian Religion ( ANT 3821, REL 3821)                   | 3 credits |
| AAS 3842 | The Making of Modern India ( HIS 3842), ( POL 3842)          | 3 credits |
| AAS 3851 | The Heritage of Chinese Civilization ( HIS 3851)             | 3 credits |
| AAS 3852 | Modernization and Westernization in Asia ( HIS 3852)         | 3 credi   |
| AAS 3853 | The Emergence of Modern Japan ( HIS 3853)                    | 3 credits |
| AAS 3854 | China in Revolution ( HIS 3854)                              | 3 credits |

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| AAS 4010 | Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective ( SOC 4010)         | 3 credits |
| AAS 4905 | Language, Literature, and Culture of Japan ( CMP 4905)        | 3 credits |
| AAS 4906 | Critical Approaches to Japanese Popular Culture ( CMP 4906)   | 3 credits |
| ANT 3113 | Cultures and Peoples of India ( SOC 3113)                     | 3 credits |
| ANT 3114 | Cultures and Peoples of the South Pacific Islands ( SOC 3114) | 3 credits |
| ART 3220 | Islamic Art   | 3 credits |
| ART 3260 | Asian Art   | 3 credits |
| ENG 3032 | Ethnic Literature*  | 3 credits |
| ENG 3840 | Literature and Philosophy of South Asia                       | 3 credits |
| ENG 3950 | Topics in Literature*   | 3 credits |
| HIS 3084 | The Historical Search for the Prophet Mohammad ( REL 3084)    | 3 credits |
| HIS 3085 | The Islamic Middle East and North Africa: 1622-1789           | 3 credits |
| HIS 3086 | The Modern Middle East and North Africa ( POL 3086)           | 3 credits |
| HIS 3841 | Ancient India   | 3 credits |
| HIS 3860 | Topics in African, Asian, or Latin American History*          | 3 credits |
| MSC 3005 | Music of Africa, Asia, and the Pacific                        | 3 credits |
| POL 3365 | Asian Political Systems                                       | 3 credits |
| REL 3540 | The Tradition of Islam  | 3 credits |

\*Topics as relevant to the minor.

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### Language Courses

Students are strongly advised to take a sequence of courses in Japanese or Chinese in addition to the 9-credit minor requirement. Some language courses may be taken in arrangement with other CUNY campuses, abroad, or at a summer intensive-language program. Instruction in Chinese and Japanese is offered at Baruch in the following courses:

|          |                             |           |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| CHI 1001 | Elementary Chinese I        | 3 credits |
| CHI 1002 | Elementary Chinese II       | 3 credits |
| CHI 2001 | Upper Elementary Chinese I  | 3 credits |
| CHI 2002 | Upper Elementary Chinese II | 3 credits |

|               |                                    |           |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| CHI 3001      | Lower Intermediate Chinese         | 4 credits |
| CHI 3002      | Upper Intermediate Chinese         | 4 credits |
| CHI 3005      | Chinese for Heritage Students I    | 3 credits |
| CHI 3006      | Chinese for Heritage Students II   | 3 credits |
| CHI 4181      | Classical Chinese Literature I     | 3 credits |
| CHI 4182      | Classical Chinese Literature II    | 3 credits |
| CHI 4501      | Business Chinese I                 | 3 credits |
| CHI 4502      | Business Chinese II                | 3 credits |
| JPN 1001-1002 | Elementary Japanese I and II       | 3 credits |
| JPN 3001      | Intensive Intermediate Japanese I  | 3 credits |
| JPN 3002      | Intensive Intermediate Japanese II | 3 credits |
| JPN 4501      | Japanese for Global Markets        | 3 credits |

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## Courses

### Courses in Asian and Asian American Studies (AAS)

|          |  |                    |
|----------|--|--------------------|
| AAS 1512 | Introduction to the Religions of Asia                        | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 2155 | Philosophies from India ( PHI 2155), ( REL 2155)             | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 2165 | Classical Buddhism ( HIS 2165), ( PHI 2165), ( REL 2165)     | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 2170 | Classical Chinese Philosophy ( HIS 2170), ( PHI 2170)        | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3080 | A Survey of Asian History ( HIS 3080)                        | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3085 | Topics in Asian and Asian American Studies                   | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3175 | The Lives of Hinduism ( ANT 3175), ( REL 3175), ( SOC 3175)  | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3345 | Asian American History ( HIS 3345)                           | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3346 | The Rise of Asia in World Affairs ( HIS 3346), ( POL 3346)   | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 3540 | The Tradition of Islam ( ANT 3540), ( REL 3540), ( SOC 3540) | 3 hours; 3 credits |

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| AAS 3820 | History of Chinese Religion ( HIS 3820), ( REL 3820)                 | 3 hours; 3 credits |
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| AAS 4010 | Chinese Immigration in Global Perspective ( SOC 4010)                | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 4900 | Capstone Course: Critical Issues in Asian and Asian American Studies | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 4905 | Language, Literature, and Culture of Japan ( CMP 4905)               | 3 hours; 3 credits |
| AAS 4906 | Critical Approaches to Japanese Popular Culture ( CMP 4906)          | 3 Hours, 3 Credits |

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