Master’s Degree in Asian Studies
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Asian Studies is an area studies program that is designed to develop a student’s competence in the language, history, culture and the contemporary political economic setting of a country or cultural region.

The program is focused on Asia, broadly defined as including East Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

The program’s combined area or country-specific courses give students the needed cultural immersion with more general comparative coursework. This is intended to provide students with the requisite intellectual tools, concepts and theories to understand their disciplinary concentrations. Students will be able to utilize skills from various disciplines to evaluate not only Asia’s past, present and future, but the role of Asia within the context of the world.

We help prepare students for international careers in the public and private sectors, such as positions in government, business, non-governmental and nonprofit organizations, journalism, research and teaching. Additionally, the program may serve as a vehicle into a more specialized doctoral program, usually within one of the disciplines represented by the participating departments.

The program is thirty-one (31) credit hours

Students choose between a comprehensive exam or a thesis track. This is an on-campus degree, with the majority of our classes offered on campus and during the day, however there are some classes offered online and after work hours.

We offer both Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Asian Studies.

Foreign Language Requirement:
All students must satisfy the foreign language requirement for the MA degree, even if they choose to graduate with the MS degree. Students prove proficiency in Chinese, Japanese, Arabic or another approved language by demonstrating one of the following:

• 12 semester hours in a foreign language with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B)
• passage of a reading comprehension test administered by the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Florida State University
• 4 years of a single language in high school

Is it possible to graduate in one year?
It is possible. With appropriate planning the program can be completed in one fall, spring and summer semester (credits per semester: 13, 12, 6).
What prerequisites or type of undergraduate degree do I need in order to apply?:
There are no prerequisites for entrance into the Asian Studies degree. We also do not require a certain “type” of undergraduate degree. We accept students from very different fields.

Did you know you can complete an internship or study abroad for graduate credit?
Students wishing to earn academic credit for an internship must have a 3.0 GPA and obtain approval for an internship placement with an international focus. You may also study abroad or participate in approved global exchange programs!

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS:
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Religion
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Planning
APPLICATION STEPS

+ **Complete online application**
  Admissions.fsu.edu/graduate

+ **Submit the below requirements**
  before the deadline for the semester you’re planning to attend.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- Upper division GPA of 3.0
- GRE scores (*Average 50th percentile*)
- 2 letters of recommendation (*Applicants should have at least 1 academic letter*)
- 1 page statement of purpose
- Resume
- Official English Language Proficiency results are required of all international applicants whose native language is not English. Minimum TOEFL score: 80 Minimum IELTS score: 6.5

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

While the program has limited funding, all students are reviewed for assistantships and scholarships at time of admission.

DEADLINES

- **Fall** July 1st
- **Spring** November 1st
- **Summer** March 1st