

Asian Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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Selective entry	Open access
PROGRAM TYPE	CREDENTIAL GRANTED
Undergraduate	Baccalaureate Degree
OFFERED AT	FORMAT
Langley Richmond Surrey	Full-time Part-time
HOW TO APPLY	
www.kwantlen.ca/admission	

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Asian Studies focuses on the diverse cultures of Asia, our country and our community. The degree allows students to develop the knowledge, core competencies, and skills characteristic of a traditional BA program while preparing them to respond creatively and innovatively to a range of challenges in our community and the world. In this four-year integrated interdisciplinary Asian Studies program, students will acquire a number of practical skills that they can employ in their communities locally, in addition to developing the intellectual and cultural skills that will enable them to operate successfully in a rapidly changing world where the leading countries of East and South Asia are becoming increasingly influential.

A Minor in Asian Studies will allow students in other programs to complement their main field of study with courses from the Asian Studies curriculum. The main focus of the Minor in Asian Studies is to produce graduates who combine expertise in their chosen career field with a high level of understanding of Asian cultural norms.

Students in the Asian Studies program will benefit from our faculty's commitment to teaching excellence, and from the small class sizes at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Arts degrees enjoy high rates of participant satisfaction, and the literacy and analytical skills developed in such programs create constructive members of society who fit well into the workplace.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A graduate who combines Asian language skills with an awareness of the region's cultural and historical heritage will automatically have a number of advantages over someone who does not. The versatility of the BA in Asian Studies will allow students to design programs of study that will prepare them for careers or further study in areas such as public history, primary and secondary education, professional writing, graduate studies, business or self-employment, community service, law or policing, military, non-governmental organizations, public administration, religious studies, and social work.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- Grade of 'B' in English 12 (or equivalent)
- Grade of 'C' in either Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent).

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses.
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Grade of 'C' in either Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent).
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to Kwantlen may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses.
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

CONTENT

Asian Studies students begin their first year of studies with courses that broadly introduce the countries and cultures of East and South Asia, as well as some of the social science methodologies required in upper level courses. As they progress to more narrowly defined regional courses, students will examine in greater depth the societies, cultures, political systems, economies and histories of the peoples and nations of South and East Asia, as well as their interactions with Canada and the rest of the world.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts Framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Asian Studies Major

The following requirements are to be completed for the Bachelor of Arts, Asian Studies Major program.

LOWER LEVEL

Students are required to complete 18 credits of lower level Asian Studies designated core courses with at least 12 of these credits at the 2000 level. Language courses cannot be applied to this requirement. Note that many 2000 level courses require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 level. Other ASIA-related courses may also be eligible to meet these requirements.

1000 Level

ASIA 1111	Religions of India (formerly HUMN 1111)	3 credits
CUST 1200 / JAPN 1200	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	3 credits
HIST 1150	Introduction to Traditional East Asia	3 credits
HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits

2000 Level

ASIA 2250	South Asians Around the Globe	3 credits
ASIA 2252	Indian Society Through Popular Film	3 credits
ASIA 2255	Women in Modern India	3 credits
ASIA 2399	Readings in Asian Studies	3 credits
GEOG 2185	Regional Geography of East Asia	3 credits
GEOG 2190	Regional Geography of South Asia	3 credits
HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns	3 credits
HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas	3 credits
PHIL 2115	Asian Philosophy	3 credits
POLI 2140	Comparative Politics of Asia	3 credits
SOCI 2230	Racialization and Ethnicity in Canada	3 credits
SOCI 2285	Gods in the Global Village	3 credits

UPPER LEVEL

Students are required to take 30 credits of upper level courses from the following list of core courses approved for the Asian Studies Major, with at least 12 credits at the 4000 level including at least one of:

ASIA 4350	Canadian East and South Asian Communities	3 credits
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Language courses cannot be applied to this requirement. Note that many courses at the 3000 and 4000 levels require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 and 2000 levels.

3000 Level

ANTH 3130	The Sikhs: Culture, Religion and Society	3 credits
ANTH 3330	East Asian Archeology	3 credits
HIST 3350	China in the Twentieth Century	3 credits
HIST 3360	British India, 1857–1947	3 credits
HIST 3361	The Indian Subcontinent since 1947	3 credits
HIST 3370	Modern Japan	3 credits
HIST 3380	World War II in the Pacific	3 credits
JAPN 3310 / CUST 3310	Japanese Culture and Business	3 credits
JAPN 3320 / CUST 3320	Japanese Culture Through Film	3 credits
LBED 3120	Study of Cultures	3 credits
POLI 3146	Government and Politics of India	3 credits
POLI 3240	Chinese Government and Politics	3 credits
PSYC 3343	The Psychology of Prejudice	3 credits
SOCI 3230	International Migration and Ethnic Communities	3 credits

4000 Level

HIST 4450	China and the West	3 credits
HIST 4455	Sages and Statecraft in China	3 credits
HIST 4460	Gandhi in History	3 credits
HIST 4470	The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The American Experience in Vietnam	3 credits
PSYC 4700	Culture and Psychology	3 credits
SOCI 4275	Diversity and the Media	3 credits

Courses with a primary focus on Asian Studies content and/or issues but which are not included in this list may be considered as credits for the Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies upon request for course substitution by students declared in the program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT (MAJOR ONLY)

Students in the Bachelor of Arts, Asian Studies Major program must complete at least 12 credits in a single approved Asian language. It is strongly recommended that these courses be

completed in years one and two. The Asian Studies language requirement satisfies the language requirement of the BA Framework. Students who can demonstrate oral and written competency in an approved East of South Asian language may request an assessment to have the BA Asian Studies language requirement waived in part or in full.

Students are strongly encouraged to take at least one course in Linguistics (LING 1100 or 1300), understanding that this does not take the place of studying an Asian language.

Students may choose from the following Asian language courses:

JAPN 1100	Basic Japanese I	3 credits
JAPN 1101	Basic Japanese II	3 credits
JAPN 2200	Intermediate Japanese I	3 credits
JAPN 2201	Intermediate Japanese II	3 credits
JAPN 3300	Upper Intermediate Level Japanese I	3 credits
JAPN 3301	Upper Intermediate Level Japanese II	3 credits
JAPN 4400	Advanced Japanese I: Conversation	3 credits
MAND 1100	Beginner's Mandarin I	3 credits
MAND 1101	Beginner's Mandarin II	3 credits
MAND 2200	Intermediate Mandarin I	3 credits
MAND 2201	Intermediate Mandarin II	3 credits
MAND 3300	Mandarin for Dialect Speakers I	3 credits
MAND 3301	Mandarin for Dialect Speakers II	3 credits
MAND 3310	Upper Intermediate Mandarin I	3 credits
MAND 3311	Upper Intermediate Mandarin II	3 credits
MAND 3312	Chinese Language and Culture	3 credits
PUNJ 1100	Introductory Punjabi I	3 credits
PUNJ 1101	Introductory Punjabi II	3 credits
PUNJ 2200	Intermediate Punjabi I	3 credits
PUNJ 2201	Intermediate Punjabi II	3 credits
PUNJ 3300	Canadian-Punjabi Literature	3 credits

Asian Studies Minor

The following minor requirements are to be completed for the Bachelor of Arts, Asian Studies Minor program.

There is no language requirement for the Asian Studies minor beyond the language requirement of the BA Framework.

LOWER LEVEL

Students are required to complete 12 credits of lower level Asian Studies approved core courses (as listed under the requirements for the Major in Asian Studies) with at least 6 of these credits at the 2000 level. Language courses cannot be applied to this requirement. Note that many 2000 level courses in ASIA, SOCI,

GEOG, POLI, and HIST require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 level.

UPPER LEVEL

Students are required to take at least 15 credits of approved Asian Studies courses (as listed under the requirements for the Major in Asian Studies), with a minimum of 9 credits at the 3000 level and 6 credits at the 4000 level. Language courses cannot be applied to this requirement.

GRADUATION

Upon successful completion of the major program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts, Major in Asian Studies**.

Upon successful completion of the minor program, students are eligible to receive a **Minor in Asian Studies** as part of a Bachelor of Arts program.