

Asian Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.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 and skills characteristic of a traditional BA program while preparing them to respond creatively to the challenges they will encounter in an increasingly interconnected world. In this four-year interdisciplinary program, students will not only acquire practical skills that they can employ in their multicultural communities locally, they will also develop the intellectual and cultural skills required to operate successfully in a world where the nations of East and South Asia are increasingly influential.

A Minor in Asian Studies will allow students in other programs such as Nursing, Business, Psychology, and Criminology 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

In our increasingly globalized economy, 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:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 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 (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- 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 KPU 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 either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) 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

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 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 (total of six or more credits).
- 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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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.

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. Students must consult with a BA Advisor or the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator to confirm eligibility.

1000 Level

ASIA 1111	The Religions of India (formerly HUMN 1111)	3 credits
ASIA 1311	Religions of East Asia	3 credits
CUST 1200 / JAPN 1200	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	3 credits

HIST 1150	Introduction to Traditional East Asia	3 credits
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HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits
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2000 Level

ASIA 2120	Introduction to Chinese and Japanese Cinema	3 credits
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ASIA 2150	Tea in China and Japan	3 credits
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ASIA 2151	Folklore of China and Japan	3 credits
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ASIA 2156	Martial Arts of China and Japan	3 credits
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ASIA 2250	South Asians Around the Globe	3 credits
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ASIA 2252	Indian Society Through Popular Film	3 credits
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ASIA 2255	Women in Modern India	3 credits
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ASIA 2355 / HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas: A Global History of Chinese Migration	3 credits
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ASIA 2399	Readings in Asian Studies	3 credits
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GEOG 2185	Regional Geography of East Asia	3 credits
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GEOG 2190	Regional Geography of South Asia	3 credits
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HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
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HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns	3 credits
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PHIL 2115	Asian Philosophy	3 credits
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POLI 2140	Comparative Politics of Asia	3 credits
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SOCI 2230	Racialization and Ethnicity in Canada	3 credits
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SOCI 2285	Gods in the Global Village	3 credits
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UPPER LEVEL

Students are required to take 30 credits of upper level courses from the list of core courses approved for the Asian Studies Major, with at least 12 credits at the 4000. Language courses cannot be applied to this requirement. Note that many 3000 and 4000 level courses require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 and 2000 levels.

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. Students must consult with a BA Advisor or the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator to confirm eligibility.

The 30 credits of upper level courses must include at least one of the following courses:

ASIA 4350	Canadian East and South Asian Communities	3 credits
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ASIA 4900	Directed Research Project in Asian Studies	3 credits
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The remaining upper level credits are to be completed from the following list of core courses approved for the Asian Studies Major:

3000 Level

ANTH 3130	Sikh Culture, Religion and Society	3 credits
ANTH 3330	East Asian Archeology	3 credits
ASIA 3140	Environment and Society in East Asia	3 credits
ASIA 3149	Hong Kong: Past, Present, and Future	3 credits
ASIA 3150	East Asian Immigrants to North America	3 credits
ASIA 3151	Gender in East Asia	3 credits
ASIA 3152	Ethnicity in China and Japan	3 credits
ASIA 3154	Chinese Cinema and Society	3 credits
ASIA 3230	Islam in South Asia	3 credits
ENGL 3345	Diasporic Literatures	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
JAPN 3350 / CUST 3350	Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture: Field School	6 credits
LBED 3120	Study of Cultures (discontinued)	3 credits
POLI 3146	Government and Politics of India	3 credits
POLI 3240	Chinese Government and Politics	3 credits
SOCI 3230	International Migration and Ethnic Communities	3 credits

4000 Level

ASIA 4350	Canadian East and South Asian Communities	3 credits
ASIA 4351	Advanced Topics in Asian Cinema	3 credits
ASIA 4499	Selected Topics in Asian Studies	3 credits
ASIA 4900	Directed Research Project in Asian Studies	3 credits
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
JAPN 4320 / CUST 4320	Understanding Japanese Culture through Literature	3 credits
POLI 4125	The Politics of Multiculturalism in Canada	3 credits
SOCI 4275	Diversity and the Media	3 credits

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 or South Asian language may request an assessment to have the BA Asian Studies language requirement waived in part or in full. Students requesting an assessment must contact the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator for further details.

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
JAPN 4410	Advanced Japanese for Business	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

MAND 4321	Business Chinese I	3 credits
MAND 4323	Business Chinese II	3 credits
MAND 4481	Modern Chinese Literature I	3 credits
MAND 4483	Modern Chinese Literature II	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 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. Note that many 3000 and 4000 level courses require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 and 2000 levels.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

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

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in Asian Studies**.