

# Asian Studies: Associate of Arts Degree

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<b>Implementation Date</b>	01-Sep-2011
<b>Start Date(s)</b>	September January May
<b>Intake Type</b>	Open intake
<b>Instructional Cycle</b>	Semester-based
<b>Program Type</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Associate Degree
<b>Offered At</b>	Langley Richmond Surrey
<b>Format</b>	Full-time Part-time
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Arts Degree (AA) in Asian Studies is designed to introduce students to the discipline and to prepare them for further study. Many students complete the AA degree in order to gain a broader understanding of the world in which they live and to become more informed and engaged citizens. Students can choose to focus on a particular geographic region; however, we recommend that students complete as broad a range of courses as possible. Students are reminded that Asian Studies courses are reading and writing intensive; therefore, it is strongly recommended that students complete their English requirements within their first two semesters.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement, apply to this program.

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Within the framework of the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete at least 60 credits with a minimum grade of C in each course and meet the following requirements.

Note: A first-year English course, ENGL 1100, is a requirement of this program. This course has prerequisites that may require a student to complete additional preparatory courses.

Thirty-six credits in Arts courses, which shall include the following:

### Group A

**At least nine credits from the following courses:**

ANTH 3130	Sikh Culture, Religion and Society	3 credits
ASIA 2250	South Asians Around the Globe	3 credits
ASIA 2252	Indian Society through Popular Film	3 credits

GEOG 2185	Regional Geography of East Asia	3 credits
GEOG 2190	Regional Geography of South Asia	3 credits
GEOG 3210	Geography of Cultures	3 credits
POLI 2140	Comparative Asian Politics	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

### Group B

**At least nine credits from the following courses:**

ASIA 1111	Religions of India (formerly HUMN 1111)	3 credits
JAPN 1200 / CUST 1200	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	3 credits
JAPN 3310 / CUST 3310	Japanese Culture and Business	3 credits
JAPN 3320 / CUST 3320	Japanese Culture through Film	3 credits
HIST 1150	Introduction to East Asia	3 credits
HIST 1151	Introduction to Modern East Asia	3 credits
HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asia	3 credits
HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 3350	China in the Twentieth Century: Reforms and Revolutions	3 credits
HIST 3360	British India: 1875-1947	3 credits
HIST 3361	Indian Subcontinent since 1947	3 credits
HIST 3370	Twentieth Century Japan	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	Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	Vietnam War	3 credits
PHIL 2115	Asian Philosophy	3 credits

### Group C

**At least 6 credits in an Asian language.**

This requirement can be satisfied by successful completion of at least 2 of the following courses or in the case of other Asian languages by arrangements with the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator. Students with native fluency in an approved Asian Language may apply to the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator for a waiver. In the event that a waiver is granted, students must

complete an additional 6 credits from the courses linked above in place of the 6 credit language requirement.

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 Japanese I	3 credits
JAPN 3301	Upper Intermediate Japanese II	3 credits
JAPN 4400	Advanced Japanese I: Conversation	3 credits
MAND 1100	Beginner Mandarin I	3 credits
MAND 1101	Basic Mandarin II	3 credits
MAND 2200	Intermediate Mandarin I	3 credits
MAND 2201	Intermediate Mandarin II	3 credits
MAND 3300	Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects I	3 credits
MAND 3301	Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects II	3 credits
MAND 3310	Upper Intermediate Mandarin: Reading and Writing I	3 credits
MAND 3311	Upper Intermediate Mandarin: Reading and Writing II	3 credits
PUNJ 1100	Basic Punjabi I	3 credits
PUNJ 1101	Basic 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

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 Associate of Arts in Asian Studies upon request for course substitution by students declared in the program. Students must consult with a Arts Degree Advisor or the Asian Studies Degree Coordinator to confirm eligibility.

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive an **Associate of Arts degree in Asian Studies**.