

Asian Studies: Bachelor of Arts Minor

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Implementation Date	01-Sep-2011
Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
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

A Minor in Asian Studies will allow students in other programs such as History, Anthropology, Geography, Philosophy, Modern Languages, Journalism, Sociology, 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, trends, and influences. Students in the Asian Studies program will benefit from our faculty's commitment to teaching excellence, and from the small class sizes at KPU. Students begin their first year of studies with courses that introduce them to both traditional and contemporary Asia. Course themes include Asian religions, politics, culture, language, and history. In the second year, students go deeper into Asian culture including the cinemas, folklores, and martial arts of China, Japan, and India, as well as Asian philosophy, comparative politics, and regional geographies and histories. The first and second years develop the reading, writing, and critical thinking skills that will be necessary for success in the third and fourth years of the program. Third and fourth year courses expose students to deeper analyses of Asian culture, politics, art, history, language, and religion.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a minor in Asian Studies must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts.

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing this minor must declare their intention prior to graduation.

CURRICULAR 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.

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.

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