

# Asian Studies: Bachelor of Arts Major

<b>Faculty of Arts</b>	kpu.ca/arts
<b>Asian Studies</b>	kpu.ca/arts/asian-studies
<b>Program Type</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Baccalaureate Degree
<b>Offered At</b>	Langley Richmond Surrey
<b>Start Date(s)</b>	September January May
<b>Intake Type</b>	Open intake
<b>Format</b>	Full-time Part-time
<b>Instructional Cycle</b>	Semester-based
<b>Curriculum Effective Date</b>	01-Sep-2017
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Asian Studies degree will allow you to develop the competencies characteristic of a traditional BA program while preparing you to respond creatively to the challenges you will encounter in an increasingly interconnected world. In this four-year interdisciplinary program, you will not only acquire practical skills that you can employ in your multicultural communities locally, you will also develop the intellectual and cultural competencies required to operate successfully in a world where the nations of East and South Asia are increasingly influential.

As an Asian Studies student you will begin your first year of studies with courses that introduce you to Asian Studies as a discipline and to the countries and cultures of East and South Asia. These courses will begin to build the critical thinking, communication, and intercultural competencies that will allow you to succeed in more advanced courses. As you progress to more narrowly defined regional and thematic courses, you 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.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

## DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
  - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher

- 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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 REQUIREMENT

Students are required to complete 18 credits of lower-level ASIA courses, with at least 12 of these credits at the 2000 level.

#### UPPER LEVEL REQUIREMENT

Students are required to complete 30 credits of upper-level ASIA courses, with at least 6 credits at the 4000 level, including the following capstone course:

ASIA 4350	Canadian East and South Asian Communities	3 credits
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#### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students are required to complete at least 12 credits in a single approved Asian language: JAPN, MAND, or PUNJ.

The Asian Studies language requirement satisfies the language requirement of the BA Framework.

Students who can demonstrate oral and written competency to a level equivalent to KPU Intermediate Level II language courses in an East or South Asian language offered at KPU (currently JAPN, MAND, and PUNJ) may request an assessment to have the Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies language requirement waived. Students requesting an assessment should visit the department website for details. Approved waivers will be formally noted on the student's academic record and the credit requirement will be fulfilled with electives.

#### ADDITIONAL ASIAN STUDIES COURSES

Students may select from the following approved list of courses to satisfy the Lower Level or Upper Level requirements in lieu of ASIA courses:

##### 1100 Level

LANC 1150	Introduction to Intercultural Competencies: Thinking, Speaking, Acting Globally	3 credits
JAPN/LANC 1200	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	3 credits
HIST 1150	A Passage to South Asia: Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits
HIST 1160	Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Introduction to East Asian History	3 credits

##### 2000 Level

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, 1600-1868	3 credits
PHIL 2115	Asian Philosophy	3 credits
POLI 2140	Comparative Politics of Asia	3 credits

### 3000 Level

ANTH 3130	Sikh 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/LANC 3310	Japanese Culture and Business	3 credits
JAPN/LANC 3320	Japanese Culture Through Film	3 credits
JAPN/LANC 3350	Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture: Field School	6 credits
LANC 3150	Advanced Intercultural Competencies	3 credits
POLI 3146	Government and Politics of India	3 credits
POLI 3240	Chinese Government and Politics	3 credits

### 4000 Level

HIST 4450	China and the West	3 credits
HIST 4460	Gandhi in History	3 credits
HIST 4470	Warriors of Japan: The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The American Experience in Vietnam	3 credits
JAPN/LANC 4320	Understanding Japanese Culture through Literature	3 credits

## 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**.