

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a B or above in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student.

Assessments and Examinations There are three possible exit requirements for the MA. One of the following three options will be chosen in consultation with the advisors.

- Students should select two substantially revised and/or expanded research papers completed during their graduate study to submit to their committee (the advisors and one additional faculty member). In addition to the written papers, an oral presentation of these papers to the committee is required.
- An approximately 50-page MA thesis. In addition to the written thesis, an oral presentation of the thesis to the committee is required. This option is usually appropriate for a student who wishes to continue in the PhD program.
- An option chosen in consultation with the advisors.

Language Requirements Completion of the third year of study of an Asian language or the second year of study of two Asian languages, or the equivalent level of proficiency as established by examination by department faculty and staff. Additional language study may be required by the advisors.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Asia and Related Graduate Coursework		21
In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 21 credits in Asia-related graduate courses in the department or elsewhere in campus.		
Additional Coursework		9
In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 9 credits of additional coursework to meet the 30-credit minimum.		
<i>Language Coursework</i>		
Students may complete coursework in language study at the third-year level and beyond. A maximum of 12 credits may fulfill the minimum credit requirement.		
Total Credits		30

Students may take courses and seminars drawn from offerings in other departments, or within Asian Languages and Cultures, as decided in collaboration between student and the co-advisors, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 306	Hinduism	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 307	A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4
ASIAN 311		3
ASIAN/HISTORY 319	The Vietnam Wars	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4
ASIAN/ HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4

ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4	ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4	ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3	ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3	ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages	2-3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4	ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3	ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4	ASIAN 763	Studies in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3	ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3	ASIAN 799	Reading for Research	1-3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3	ASIAN 815	Seminar: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Asia	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3	ASIAN 833	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3	ASIAN/ HISTORY 857	Seminar-History of India (South Asia)	1-3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3	ASIAN 873	Seminar in Languages and Literatures of Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3	ASIAN 932	Seminar in Chinese Linguistics	2-3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3	ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3			
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3			
ASIAN/ HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4			
ASIAN/ HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4			
ASIAN/ HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4			
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3			
ASIAN/ HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3			
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3			
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3			
ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3			
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3			
ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	3			
ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	3			
ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3			

Program Pathways

Initially working with two co-advisors, each student will craft a program of coursework that combines Asia-focused courses with disciplinary study in and beyond the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. This may include linkages with other departments as well as UW-Madison's rich array of centers and programs, including the Center for Healthy Minds (<https://centerhealthyminds.org/>), Center for Visual Cultures (<https://cvc.wisc.edu/>), Human Rights Program (http://law.wisc.edu/gls/human_rights.html), Religious Studies Program (<https://religiousstudies.wisc.edu/>), and the Center for East Asian Studies (<https://eastasia.wisc.edu/>), the Center for South Asia (<http://southasia.wisc.edu/>), and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (<http://seasia.wisc.edu/>).

Third Year/Advanced Language Study Course Options

Code	Title	Credits
Chinese		
ASIALANG 301	Fifth Semester Chinese	4
ASIALANG 302	Sixth Semester Chinese	4
ASIALANG 311	First Semester Classical Chinese	3
ASIALANG 312	Second Semester Classical Chinese	3
ASIALANG 378	Chinese Conversation	3
ASIALANG 379	Business Chinese	3
ASIALANG 401		3
ASIALANG 454	Advanced Chinese through Media	3
ASIALANG 475	Advanced Topics in Asian Translation (Chinese only)	3
Filipino		
ASIALANG 323	Fifth Semester Filipino	3

ASIALANG 324	Sixth Semester Filipino	3	ASIALANG 517	Fifth Semester Summer Asian Language (Sanskrit only)	4
ASIALANG 607	Seventh Semester Southeast Asian Language (Filipino only)	4	ASIALANG 527	Sixth Semester Summer Asian Language (Sanskrit only)	4
ASIALANG 608	Eighth Semester Southeast Asian Language (Filipino only)	4	ASIALANG 421	Seventh Semester Asian Language (Sanskrit only)	3-4
Hindi					
ASIALANG 333	Fifth Semester Hindi	3-4	ASIALANG 422	Eighth Semester Asian Language (Sanskrit only)	3-4
ASIALANG 334	Sixth Semester Hindi	3-4	ASIALANG 675	Advanced Readings in Sanskrit	3
ASIALANG 421	Seventh Semester Asian Language (Hindi only)	3-4	Thai		
ASIALANG 422	Eighth Semester Asian Language (Hindi only)	3-4	ASIALANG 329	Fifth Semester Thai	3
Hmong					
ASIALANG 325	Fifth Semester Hmong	3	ASIALANG 330	Sixth Semester Thai	3
ASIALANG 326	Sixth Semester Hmong	3	ASIALANG 607	Seventh Semester Southeast Asian Language (Thai only)	4
ASIALANG 607	Seventh Semester Southeast Asian Language (Hmong only)	4	ASIALANG 608	Eighth Semester Southeast Asian Language (Thai only)	4
ASIALANG 608	Eighth Semester Southeast Asian Language (Hmong only)	4	Tibetan		
Indonesian					
ASIALANG 348	Fifth Semester Indonesian	3-4	ASIALANG 335	Fifth Semester Tibetan	4
ASIALANG 328	Sixth Semester Indonesian	3-4	ASIALANG 336	Sixth Semester Tibetan	4
ASIALANG 607	Seventh Semester Southeast Asian Language (Indonesian only)	4	ASIALANG 421	Seventh Semester Asian Language (Tibetan only)	3-4
ASIALANG 608	Eighth Semester Southeast Asian Language (Indonesian only)	4	ASIALANG 422	Eighth Semester Asian Language (Tibetan only)	3-4
Japanese					
ASIALANG 303	Fifth Semester Japanese	4	Urdu		
ASIALANG 304		4	ASIALANG 339	Fifth Semester Urdu	3-4
ASIALANG 313	Classical Japanese	3	ASIALANG 340	Sixth Semester Urdu	3-4
ASIALANG 376	Japanese Conversation	3	ASIALANG 421	Seventh Semester Asian Language (Urdu only)	3-4
ASIALANG 377	Business Japanese Communication	3	ASIALANG 422	Eighth Semester Asian Language (Urdu only)	3-4
ASIALANG 403		3	Vietnamese		
ASIALANG 451	Advanced Readings in Japanese	3	ASIALANG 331	Fifth Semester Vietnamese	3
ASIALANG 452	Advanced Japanese through Audio-Visual Media	3	ASIALANG 332	Sixth Semester Vietnamese	3
ASIALANG 475	Advanced Topics in Asian Translation (Japanese only)	3	ASIALANG 607	Seventh Semester Southeast Asian Language (Vietnamese only)	4
Korean					
ASIALANG 305	Fifth Semester Korean	3	ASIALANG 608	Eighth Semester Southeast Asian Language (Vietnamese only)	4
ASIALANG 306	Sixth Semester Korean	3			
ASIALANG 405	Seventh Semester Korean	3			
ASIALANG 406	Eighth Semester Korean	3			
ASIALANG 475	Advanced Topics in Asian Translation (Korean only)	3			
Persian					
ASIALANG 337	Fifth Semester Persian	3-4			
ASIALANG 338	Sixth Semester Persian	3-4			
ASIALANG 421	Seventh Semester Asian Language (Persian)	3-4			
ASIALANG 422	Eighth Semester Asian Language (Persian)	3-4			
Sanskrit					