

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, PHD

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 51 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 32 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 51 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 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA Requirement 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 (numbered 300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student.

Assessments and Examinations The preliminary exam must be taken within 1 semester after completing doctoral coursework. Comprehensive written preliminary exams will be based on reading lists developed with the committee. These exams have four parts: general competence in major field; secondary field; theory and method; and specialized area of dissertation focus. The preliminary examination will be evaluated by a committee of at least three members (the co-advisors and an additional faculty member).

Successful completion of the exam process will also require research language competence as demonstrated through examinations in one or more languages as determined by the advisors.

A dissertation proposal must be approved within 1 year after completing prelim exams. An oral defense of the proposal will be evaluated by the committee.

Language Requirements Additional language coursework beyond the MA requirements is not required in general, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by the advisors.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement A doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate is not a requirement, but a student, in consultation with their advisors, may choose to complete either.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Asia and Related Graduate Coursework		
	In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 36 credits in Asia-related graduate courses in the department or elsewhere in campus.	36
Additional Coursework		
	In consultation with advisor, students must complete at least 15 credits of additional coursework to meet the 51-credit minimum requirement.	15
<i>Language Coursework</i>		
	Students may complete coursework in language study at the third-year level and beyond. A maximum of 6 credits may fulfill the minimum credit requirement. Language coursework is not required, but students must gain sufficient competence to pass the research language exams required by advisors.	
Total Credits		51

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 300	Topics in Asian Studies	3
ASIAN 301	Social Science Topics in Asian Studies	3

ASIAN/ RELIG ST 306	Hinduism	3	ASIAN/ RELIG ST 466	Buddhist Thought	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 307	A Survey of Tibetan Buddhism	3	ASIAN/ RELIG ST 473	Meditation in Indian Buddhism and Hinduism	3
ASIAN/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 308	Introduction to Buddhism	3-4	ASIAN/ENGL 478	Indian Writers Abroad: Literature, Diaspora and Globalization	3
ASIAN 311		3	ASIAN/ RELIG ST 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 319	The Vietnam Wars	3-4	ASIAN 533	Readings in Early Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 335	The Koreas: Korean War to the 21st Century	3-4	ASIAN 563	Readings in Modern Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 337	Social and Intellectual History of China, 589 AD-1919	3-4	ASIAN 573	Readings in Classical Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/HISTORY 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	3-4	ASIAN 600	Capstone Seminar in Asian Humanities	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	3-4	ASIAN/ ART HIST 621	Mapping, Making, and Representing Colonial Spaces	3
ASIAN 351	Survey of Classical Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
ASIAN 352	Survey of Modern Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 655	Ethnography in Asia	3
ASIAN 353	Lovers, Warriors and Monks: Survey of Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 630	Proseminar: Studies in Cultures of Asia	3
ASIAN 354	Early Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	3	ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3	ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
ASIAN 361	Love and Politics: The Tale of Genji	3	ASIAN/ RELIG ST 650	Proseminar in Buddhist Thought	2-3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 363	China and World War II in Asia	3-4	ASIAN 672	Studies in Chinese Fiction	3
ASIAN 367	Haiku	3	ASIAN 698	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4	ASIAN 699	Directed Study	2-3
ASIAN 371	Topics in Chinese Literature	3	ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages	2-3
ASIAN 375	Survey of Chinese Film	3	ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN 376	Manga	3	ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese	3
ASIAN 378	Anime	3	ASIAN 763	Studies in Japanese Literature	3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 379	Cities of Asia	3	ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN 403	Southeast Asian Literature	3	ASIAN 799	Reading for Research	1-3
ASIAN/ ART HIST 428	Visual Cultures of India	3	ASIAN 815	Seminar: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Asia	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 430	Indian Traditions in the Modern Age	3	ASIAN 833	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3	ASIAN/ HISTORY 857	Seminar-History of India (South Asia)	1-3
ASIAN 433	Topics in East Asian Visual Cultures	3	ASIAN 873	Seminar in Languages and Literatures of Asia	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3	ASIAN 932	Seminar in Chinese Linguistics	2-3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 454	Samurai: History and Image	3-4	ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 456	Pearl Harbor & Hiroshima: Japan, the US & The Crisis in Asia	3-4	ASIAN 990	Thesis Research	3
ASIAN/ HISTORY 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	3-4	ASIAN 999	Independent Research	1-3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 460	The History of Yoga	3			
ASIAN/ HISTORY 463	Topics in South Asian History	3			

Program Pathway

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 and Performance Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/>)

graduate/asian-languages-cultures/asian-languages-cultures-phd/Center for Visual Cultures/), 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/>).