



Asian Studies

The Asian Studies major is an interdisciplinary program designed to prepare students for careers and advanced study in topics including language, history, geography, government, and culture in specific regions of Asia not comprehensively covered by a major in a single department.

Students may choose one of three emphases: China, Japan, Korea, and acquire competency in the corresponding language or another approved Asian language; a broad knowledge of Asian civilization; and a more specialized knowledge in an academic discipline.

The Major

Where can I learn more about majoring in Asian Studies?

Interested students should meet with either the Asian Studies faculty coordinator, Professor Eric Hyer or one of the counselors at the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB).

How do I declare a major in Asian Studies?

Go to the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB), where the secretaries will assist you. Seniors must meet with an academic advisor before approval to switch to the major will be granted.

What are the major's requirements?

See the [BA in Asian Studies](#) page in the BYU Undergraduate Catalog

What knowledge and skills may I expect to gain as an Asian Studies major?

For the expected Learning Outcomes for the Asian Studies major China [click here](#), Japan [click here](#), Korea [click here](#).

THE MINOR

The Asian Studies minor allows students who have completed a mission, internship, or study abroad in Asia—or simply have a love for Asia's people and cultures—to expand their knowledge of the continent and receive a formal credential signaling their international expertise. Requiring 12–28 hours beyond the GE language requirement, a minor in Asian Studies is a perfect way to complement a degree in just about any field.

INTERNSHIPS

Recent experience has proven that Asian Studies majors and minors who have completed internships fare significantly better when applying for jobs or graduate school. The gold standard is spending a semester or summer interning in Asia.

If finances or life circumstances make it impossible to leave Provo, you can still have an outstanding internship experience through local providers. [Visit the Internships page](#) for more information.

CLUBS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Asian Studies in Action (ASiA), Model United Nations, International Society, foreign language clubs, choirs, and honor societies. [See the clubs page](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This major is useful to those contemplating careers in academic areas, private industry, or government service. The import-export field and international services are particularly interested in persons who have a strong background in Asian Studies.

No Events