

ASIAN STUDIES

Program Website: Asian Studies – Hiram College (<https://www.hiram.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/undergraduate-programs/asian-studies/>)

Introduction

Asian studies contributes to developing a fuller and more accurate account of world cultures, societies, national and ethnic identity formation. It also examines the particular ways Asian political, historical, and cultural developments help to articulate their local interests and our interrelated global citizenry.

This minor is an excellent springboard from which to launch a meaningful vocation in fields where in-depth knowledge of the socio-historical and cultural contexts of Asian ideas and institutions are essential. This program will offer students analytical paradigms, interpretative tools, and critical thinking skills; encourage a lifelong pursuit of strategies for community empowerment, engagement, and social change; create the foundation for vocations in the peace corps, health and medicine, business, law, social work, public policy, government, the arts, or academics. This will ultimately create truly “global citizens.”

Students will integrate both social scientific and humanistic disciplines, gaining both breadth and depth as they engage in the study of particular Asian areas. The Asian studies minor is a cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary minor program led by a program coordinator and advisory committee. The primary areas of study will be Korea, China, Japan, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The program also boasts a broad range of additional associated faculty members in disciplines ranging from performing arts, communication, business management, and English.

Program Learning Goals

While students pursuing the minor will fulfill learning goals in inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, information literacy, and written and oral communication, this minor will go beyond these goals by pursuing two disciplinary approaches and substantive empirical topics on two areas of Asia. Assessment will be embedded into the minor in the form of exit interviews, job placement, graduate school placement, and related indicators.

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