

Asian Studies at Brooklyn College



What can an Asian Studies minor offer to the average Brooklyn College student?

In the twenty-first century, knowledge of Asia is indispensable in a liberal arts education, in multi-cultural America, and in the global economy. More than half of humanity lives in Asia, and Asian societies have produced some of the greatest works of art, literature, philosophy, science, and spirituality ever created. Today Asia is very dynamic, Asian economies are growing rapidly and doing increasingly more trade with the U.S. Tomorrow's political, commercial, industrial, and cultural leaders will require some knowledge of Asia. For those who want their college education to prepare them for a future career, Asian Studies is a wise choice.

Here are just a few more reasons why Asian Studies is important to you:

Asian Languages: Proficiency in Asian languages is a tremendous asset to college graduates in today's job market, and BC students who have taken courses in Asian languages and history have gone on to careers in foreign service, intelligence, international law, import-export trade, journalism, arts management, and education.

Global Context: The Asian Studies interdisciplinary minor allows students to explore a complex and increasingly influential part of the world from a variety of perspectives. More than half of humanity currently lives in Asia. Asian civilizations have produced some of the most powerful and enduring achievements in world art, literature, spirituality, philosophy, science, and technology.

Business and Commerce: Commercial exchange between the United States and Asia continues to grow both in sheer volume and importance to the global economy as a whole. In pace with these economic ties are accelerating cultural and social exchanges that impact the daily life of ordinary people in all corners of the planet.

For these reasons and many others, Asian Studies can play a vital and exciting role in the education of virtually any undergraduate student, no matter what their major area of study or future career ambition.

How Does the Program Work?

Requirements for an interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies (12 credits)

Twelve credits chosen from the courses of two or more departments as specified below. No more than six credits in languages may be used toward the minor. Each course must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. At least six of these credits must be completed at Brooklyn College. Courses presented for this minor may not be counted toward the major in any of the participating departments.

American Studies 10
Anthropology 14.6*, 26.2*, 34.5*, 42*
Art 18.40, 18.50;
(775G, 776G can be taken for
undergraduate credit with permission
of chairperson)
Economics Department/Business
76.4, 76.5, 85.3, 85.4
Film 28, 49.2
Health and Nutrition Sciences 782X
(can be taken for undergraduate
credit with permission of
chairperson)
History 53, 53.1, 53.3, 53.4, 53.5, 53.7

Modern Languages 10, 11.1, 11.12,
11.31 – 11.37, 17.50, 20.1, 20.2, 26, 27,
28, 31, 40.50, 70
Philosophy 14.5, 45
Political Science 49.4
Sociology 61.4
Religion in Society and Culture
(RISC) 15, 18
Speech 18.5
Theater 41.3

***Prerequisites required. Check with
Department or the Brooklyn College
Bulletin for information.**

FIND OUT MORE!

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