Asian Languages and Literature, BA

The BA program in Asian languages and literature gives students the opportunity to develop advanced skills in an Asian language while they study the people, literatures, and cultures of Asia. Students choose one of two tracks: Chinese or Japanese.

Many other disciplines work well as second majors for Asian languages and literature students, such as history, art history, political science, religion, sociology, journalism, business, and anthropology.

Learning Outcomes

Culture and Literature Knowledge
Students will have:
• knowledge about the target literature and culture, from premodern to modern and contemporary;
• the cultural foundation and critical thinking skills necessary to engage with relevant primary and secondary materials; and
• the ability to communicate their knowledge of Chinese or Japanese culture and language effectively.

Language Competence
Students are able to:
• carry out tasks in various circumstances and interact with others in different social settings and everyday situations in a culturally appropriate manner;
• understand relatively uncomplicated texts that describe events and personal feelings, while they understand the essence of various types of lengthy, more complex written materials; and
• critically assess materials and produce coherent writing based on the acquired information.

Linguistics Knowledge
Students will have:
• basic knowledge of sociocultural aspects of the language and skills to see through the stereotypes and myths of the target culture in order to have a better understanding of both the target culture and their own.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Asian languages and literature requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 30-32 s.h. of work for the major, depending on the track. Students choose one of two tracks: Chinese or Japanese. Credit required for the major depends on choice of track; requirements for each track are listed below. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP) credit may not be counted toward track requirements.

The amount of approved transfer credit that may be applied to the major varies by track; students should consult their advisors about courses taken at other institutions, including study abroad.

Students may earn the Asian languages and literature major and minor if the minor emphasis language (Chinese or Japanese) differs from the major language track.

The BA with a major in Asian languages and literature requires the following work.

Tracks
• Chinese Track [p. 1]
• Japanese Track [p. 2]

Chinese Track
Students in the Chinese track must complete the following coursework.

Requirements

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Chinese Literature and Cinema

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<td>CHIN:4206</td>
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Chinese Culture and Society

Courses in this area include those in art, history, literature, linguistics, religion, and translation.

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ASIA:1510/ WLLC:1510  Ghost Stories and Tales of the Weird in Premodern Chinese Literature 3

ASIA:1602/ HIST:1602  Civilizations of Asia: China from the 17th Century to the Present 3

ASIA:2222/ GWSS:2222/ WLLC:2222  Women in Premodern East Asian Literature 3

ASIA:3208/ TRNS:3208/ WLLC:3208  Classical Chinese Literature Through Translation 3

CHIN:1504  Asian Humanities: China 3

CHIN:1702  Chinese Popular Culture 3

CHIN:1800  Chinese Calligraphy and Culture 3

CHIN:3201/ TRNS:3202  Workshop in Chinese Literary Translation 3

CHIN:3302/ LING:3302/ SLA:3302  Introduction to Chinese Linguistics 3

CHIN:4150  Advanced Reading and Writing in Chinese 3

HIST:3650/ ASIA:3650  Chinese History from 1600 to 1911 3

HIST:3652/ ASIA:3652  Twentieth-Century China 3

Electives
Courses and requirements listed above represent the minimum hours required to complete the Chinese track. Students also may choose additional Chinese elective courses (prefix CHIN), but may not exceed a total of 56 s.h. that will apply to the minimum 120 s.h. required to graduate. Elective Chinese courses will not count toward Chinese requirements for the major. Independent studies and arranged hours may be used as elective hours but are not counted toward requirements for the major.

Japanese Track
Students in the Japanese track must complete the following coursework.

Requirements
Prerequisite Japanese Language Courses
Third- and Fourth-Year Japanese 14

Literature and Translation Courses 9

Linguistics and Advanced Language Studies 6

Cultural Studies Course 3

Students may apply a maximum of 12 s.h. of approved transfer credit toward track requirements. Those who are planning to study abroad should consult with their Japanese track advisors in advance to determine whether their planned coursework abroad will be accepted toward track requirements.

Prerequisite Japanese Language Courses
Students must successfully complete the prerequisite courses below, or the equivalent, before they enroll in required courses. These courses do not count as credit earned toward track requirements.

Third- and Fourth-Year Japanese

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Literature and Translation

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Linguistics and Advanced Language Studies

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<td>Japan: Culture and Communication</td>
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<td>Japanese for Professional Purposes II</td>
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Cultural Studies
Students complete one course chosen from the following lists.
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Art History

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World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

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<td>Topics in Global Cinema</td>
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Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

Asian languages and literature majors must complete designated pedagogy and linguistics courses in the department in addition to the coursework required for their major.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students earning a major in Asian languages and literature with a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 in the major and an overall minimum GPA of 3.33 have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Students interested in earning honors in the major should seek the consent of the department chair and a faculty sponsor (an Asian specialist from any department) for departmental honors work. Students must register for ASIA:4301 Honors Tutorial and ASIA:4506 Senior Honors Thesis and must complete an acceptable thesis based on original research.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the Asian languages and literature major.

Financial Support

Undergraduate students have access to financial aid and scholarship resources. Visit Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships on the Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures website for available scholarships and application information.

Career Advancement

Asian languages and literature graduates pursue careers in education, government, communication, business, and other fields in the United States and beyond. The programs also provide an excellent background for advanced study in the humanities and social sciences and in professional schools, such as law and business. The number of Americans who can speak Asian languages is relatively small, so many career opportunities exist for individuals trained in these areas.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: for students in Chinese and Japanese tracks, language work begun (students in the Sanskrit tracks may begin language work in their sophomore year).

Before the fifth semester begins: at least first-year language competency.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least second-year language competency and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least third-year, first-semester language competency and one additional course in the major (for the Japanese track, two additional courses in the major).

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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• Chinese Track [p. 3]
• Japanese Track [p. 4]

Chinese Track

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RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200
Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature
3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion
3
Elective course
1
CSI:1600
Success at Iowa
2

Hours
14 - 15

Spring
CHIN:1112
First-Year Chinese: Second Semester
5

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200
Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature
3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives
3
Elective course
1

Hours
15 - 16

Second Year
Fall
CHIN:2101
Second-Year Chinese: First Semester
5

Major: Chinese literature and cinema course
3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts
3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning
3
Elective course
1

Hours
17

Spring
CHIN:2102
Second-Year Chinese: Second Semester
5

Major: Chinese literature and cinema course
3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab
3
Elective course
3

Hours
17

Third Year
Fall
CHIN:3101
Third-Year Chinese: First Semester
3
CHIN:4101
Classical Chinese: First Semester
3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab
4
Elective course
3

Hours
15

Spring
CHIN:3102
Third Year Chinese: Second Semester
3

Major: Chinese culture and society course
3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues
3
Elective course
3

Hours
15

Fourth Year
Fall
CHIN:4103
Fourth-Year Chinese: First Semester
3

Major: Chinese culture and society course
3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture
3
Elective course
1

Hours
15

Japanese Track

Course
Title
Hours

First Year
Fall
JPN5:1001
First-Year Japanese: First Semester
5

RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200
Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature
3 - 4

GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion
3
Elective course
1

Hours
15

Total Hours
123 - 125

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- **GE CLAS Core:** Social Sciences | d | 3
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- **Degree Application:** apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) f
- **Total Hours:** 121-123

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