

Asian Languages and Literature, BA

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. The credit required for the major depends on the choice of track. 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 must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP) credit may not be counted toward the major. Independent studies and arranged hours may be used as electives but are not counted toward the requirements for the major.

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 both the major and minor in Asian languages and literature if the minor emphasis language (Chinese or Japanese) differs from the major language track.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department or a major and a minor from the same department may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

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

Tracks

- Chinese Track
- Japanese Track

Chinese Track

Students in the Chinese track must complete the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Prerequisite Chinese Language Courses	
Chinese Language Core Courses	12-14
Literature, Translation, and Cinema Courses	6
Advanced Language and Linguistics Courses	6
Elective Courses	6

Prerequisite Chinese Language Courses

Students who begin the Chinese track with no previous Chinese language experience must successfully complete the following courses or their equivalents. These courses do not count as credit earned toward track requirements.

Course #	Title	Hours
CHIN:1111	First-Year Chinese: First Semester	5
CHIN:1112	First-Year Chinese: Second Semester	5
CHIN:2101	Second-Year Chinese: First Semester	5

Chinese Language Core Courses

Students must complete 12-14 s.h. of coursework in this area depending on their initial language placement. Students whose initial placement at the University of Iowa is Third-Year Chinese must complete both CHIN:4103 and CHIN:4104. Courses CHIN:4103 and CHIN:4104 may be taken in either order.

Course #	Title	Hours
Four of these:		
CHIN:2102	Second-Year Chinese: Second Semester	5
CHIN:3101	Third-Year Chinese: First Semester	3
CHIN:3102	Third-Year Chinese: Second Semester	3
CHIN:4103	Fourth-Year Chinese: Society and Culture	3
CHIN:4104	Fourth-Year Chinese: Tradition and Change	3

Literature, Translation, and Cinema Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
CHIN:3201/ TRNS:3202	Workshop in Chinese Literary Translation	3
CHIN:3208/ ASIA:3208/ TRNS:3208/ WLLC:3208	Classical Chinese Literature Through Translation	3
CHIN:3341	Chinese Literature	3
CHIN:4203/ WLLC:4203	Modern Chinese Writers	3
CHIN:4206/ WLLC:4206	Transnational Chinese Cinemas	3

Advanced language and Linguistics Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
CHIN:3103	Professional Chinese I	3
CHIN:3104	Professional Chinese II	3
CHIN:3302/ LING:3302	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
CHIN:4101	Classical Chinese: First Semester	3
CHIN:4102	Classical Chinese: Second Semester	3

CHIN:4103	Fourth-Year Chinese: Society and Culture (if not needed for the Chinese Language Core)	3
CHIN:4104	Fourth-Year Chinese: Tradition and Change (if not needed for the Chinese Language Core)	3
CHIN:4150	Advanced Reading and Writing in Chinese	3

Elective Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these, one of which must be a Chinese course (prefix CHIN):		
CHIN:1504/ WLLC:1504	China Beyond Walls	3
CHIN:1510/ ASIA:1510/ WLLC:1510	Ghost Stories and Tales of the Weird in Premodern Chinese Literature	3
CHIN:1702/ WLLC:1702	Chinese Popular Culture	3
CHIN:1800/ WLLC:1800	Chinese Calligraphy and Culture	3
CHIN:3208/ ASIA:3208/ TRNS:3208/ WLLC:3208	Classical Chinese Literature Through Translation	3
ASIA:1005	Scripts and Trips: A Journey Through East Asia (when topic focus is on China)	3
ASIA:1040/ HIST:1610/ RELS:1404	Introduction to Asian Religions	3
ASIA:1060/ HIST:1612/ RELS:1506	Introduction to Buddhism	3
ARTH:1070	Asian Art and Culture	3
ASIA:1601/ HIST:1601	Civilizations of Asia: China From Origins to the 17th Century	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:2231/ ARTH:2220	Introduction to the Art of China	3
ASIA:2515/ RELS:2515	Introduction to Chinese Religious Thought: How Best to Live	3
ASIA:3225/ ARTH:3225	Modern and Contemporary Art in China	3
ASIA:3245/ ARTH:3245	Mountains and Waters: Landscape Art of East Asia	3
ASIA:3250/ ARTH:3250	Brushwork in Chinese Art	3
ASIA:3255/ ARTH:3255	Copy and Paste: Methods of Reproduction in Asian Art	3
ASIA:3650/ HIST:3650	Chinese History From 1600 to 1911	3

ASIA:3652/ HIST:3652	Twentieth-Century China	3
ASIA:3655/ HIST:3655/ RELS:3655	Zen Buddhism	3

Chinese courses (prefix CHIN) numbered 3000-4299 not otherwise applied to major requirements.

Japanese Track

Students in the Japanese track must complete the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Prerequisite Japanese Language Courses	
Third- and Fourth-Year Japanese Courses	14
Literature and Translation Courses	9
Linguistics and Advance Language Studies Courses	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 or the equivalent before they enroll in required courses. These courses do not count as credit earned toward track requirements.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
JPNS:1001	First-Year Japanese: First Semester	5
JPNS:1002	First-Year Japanese: Second Semester	5
JPNS:2001	Second-Year Japanese: First Semester	5
JPNS:2002	Second-Year Japanese: Second Semester	5

Third- and Fourth-Year Japanese Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these sequences:		
JPNS:3001 & JPNS:3002	Third-Year Japanese I and Third-Year Japanese II	8
JPNS:4001 & JPNS:4002	Fourth-Year Japanese I and Fourth-Year Japanese II	6

Literature and Translation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
9 s.h. from these:		
JPNS:3201/ TRNS:3201	Workshop in Japanese Literary Translation	3
JPNS:3202	Traditional Japanese Literature in Translation	3
JPNS:3203	Modern Japanese Fiction in Translation	3
JPNS:3204	Topics in Japanese Literature in Translation	1-3

JPNS:3205	Major Authors in Modern Japanese Literature	3
JPNS:3206	Warriors' Dreams	3
JPNS:3207	Japan Illuminated: Japanese Literature and Visual Culture	3
JPNS:3208	Japanese Film	3
JPNS:3210	Japanese Theater	3
JPNS:3601	Contemporary Japanese Culture	3
JPNS:4201	Genji Lab	3

Linguistics and Advanced Language Studies Courses, Japanese

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 6 s.h. from these:		
JPNS:3107	Classical Japanese: First Semester	3
JPNS:3128	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
JPNS:3401	Language in Japanese Society	3
JPNS:3402	Japan: Culture and Communication	3
JPNS:3500	Japanese for Professional Purposes	3

Cultural Studies Course

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
ASIA:1005	Scripts and Trips: A Journey Through East Asia (when topic focus is on Japan)	3
JPNS:1506	Ghostly Japan	3
JPNS:2250/ ARTH:2250	Introduction to the Art of Japan	3

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.