

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 will be 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.