



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Begin introductory language courses
- Year 2** Complete language courses at the 100 level
- Year 3** Study abroad in Asia; apply for your honors thesis or begin your capstone
- Year 4** Complete your capstone or defend your honors thesis; study abroad in Asia

Introduction to the Major

Explore the languages, cultures, and history of Asia and deepen your understanding of this region of inspiration and influence.

The multidisciplinary Asian studies major integrates the social sciences, humanities, arts, and business. Through hands-on learning, research, and study abroad opportunities, you will engage in a program that spans this diverse region. From immersing yourself in post-World War II Japanese literature and film to studying the rapid economic growth of China, you will learn about the traditions, languages, and historical contexts that shape Asian countries — and impact the entire world.

CORE COURSES

Majors focus in one of three areas — China, Japan, or the combined region of East, South, and Southeast Asia — and complete a minor or second major in another department that complements their area of interest. You will gain functional literacy in the language of your focus area through courses and studying abroad. Program requirements include:

- Chinese, Japanese, or a Southeast Asian language
- Complementary minor or second major
- Five electives from a wide range of disciplines
- Study abroad for at least one semester
- At least four courses in a study abroad program
- Capstone or honors thesis

"Asian Studies encourages students to develop a diversity of perspectives and experiences that explore the history, culture, and politics of Asian nations and their global diasporas."

— PROFESSOR SUZANNE SCOGGINS,
DIRECTOR OF ASIAN STUDIES



1 of 7
undergraduate
programs affiliated
with Clark's Center
for Gender, Race and
Area Studies



DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



Explore and navigate Clark curriculum



Connect and engage with communities



Discover and pursue your passions



Develop professional skills



Reflect, design and plan

YEAR 1

YEAR 2



Curious about the major?

Attend the major exploration fair and meet members of the Asian Studies Department.



Identify potential Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses

Talk with your adviser and start identifying courses that match your interests and goals.



Discover your campus

Check out Asian studies events on campus. Make ClarkYou your default homepage and explore student resources related to academics, campus life, and health and wellness. Go to the Writing Center, visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



Learn a new language

Begin introductory courses in Chinese, Japanese, or a Southeast Asian language.



Try out new interests

Learn about student organizations on campus such as the Asian Cultures Society and start connecting with peers. Get involved through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



Explore career options

Meet with an adviser in the Career Connections Center (CCC) and attend a career fair to explore different paths. Create a career journal to help track your interests and insights.



Reflect on what sparks your interest

Who have you met that you want to talk to and learn from more in the future? What are you excited about? What do you want to try?



Dig into the major

Continue your language study at Clark and beyond.



Join the Asian studies community

Ready to declare your major? The department chair will help you identify a faculty adviser.



Start networking

Make connections with faculty and peers to see if there are opportunities you would like to be part of. Check out the Alumni Job Shadow Program to connect with alumni with similar interests and experience a day on the job.



Develop a professional resume

Visit the Career Lab in ASEC to get your resume ready for job and internship applications. Check out the Career Resources Library and upload your resume to Handshake for review and feedback.



Plan for study abroad

Visit the Study Abroad Office to explore the possibilities. Our students study abroad in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, China, and other countries across the region.



Apply what you have learned

Find an internship, job, or research opportunity to gain experience and explore your career interests. Consider applying for opportunity funding for summer internships, projects, or research.



Reflect on your experiences

What new interests have you discovered? What do you do well? What career options are you now considering? Add your thoughts to your career journal.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Graduates work for international businesses, in diplomacy, academia, and NGOs, and for language and exchange programs including JET in Japan and EPIK in Korea.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni pursue advanced study in linguistics, film, political science, international relations, and more at top schools including UCLA and the University of London.

YEAR 3



Get out of here

Study abroad to explore new places and cultures, gain world and work experience, and hone your language skills.



Plan for senior year and beyond

Are you considering graduate school? Connect with your career adviser to strategize and plan.



Engage your networks

Create a ClarkCONNECT profile. Find alumni in your fields of interest or those who majored in Asian studies and reach out to learn about what they do and how they got there.



Expand and explore

Take a seminar about a part of Asia you have not yet explored. Notify the Graduate Office if you intend to apply for the accelerated degree program to earn a B.A. and master's in five years. Apply for the honors program if interested.



Make connections

The Asian studies program is affiliated with the Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies, a community of faculty and students who study diverse populations with an emphasis on promoting social justice.



Build your skills

Take on a leadership role with a community organization or student club to build important skills.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark bucket list? Reflect on your interests and what excites you. Where do you still need to build experience and skills? Where are you confident and where do you need more clarity?

YEAR 4



Pull it all together

Complete your capstone through a 200-level course, directed study, or honors thesis. Make sure you are on track to complete all requirements.



What's next?

Talk with faculty and your career adviser about your plans. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation. Schedule a mock job interview through the CCC to get feedback.



Share your knowledge and give back

Lead a discussion section for an introductory course. Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Offer to plan a panel or other event.



Connect with alumni

Ask about their experiences in the job market or graduate school. How have their language skills and cultural knowledge benefited them professionally and personally?



Show your work

Share your passions and your work by presenting at ClarkFEST. What other experiences can you leverage to pursue your goals?



Get ready to launch

Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



Ask yourself the big questions

What have you learned that you value? What have you excelled at? What action steps do you need to take this year to finish strong?



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

At Clark, your Asian studies education extends beyond the classroom.

Become a global citizen! Study abroad in China, Japan, Vietnam, India, or another country to gain experience of the world and learn a new language. Many students take advantage of internship opportunities, including during study abroad, to connect what they are learning with their professional development. Join faculty and graduate students in their research or design your own project. With your language skills, cultural knowledge, and diverse experiences, you could be the perfect candidate for your dream job.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to support your academic and personal journey.

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an adviser to help you select your courses and programs. Once you declare your major, Asian studies faculty will advise you.

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