

### What is Asian studies?

Asian Studies provides an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the complexities and diversity of Asia and Asian societies. Through courses such as Asian languages, literature, history, Asian arts, eastern philosophy, geography, economics, sociology and political science, students develop a deep understanding and knowledge of Asian civilization.

**Contemporary issues in Asian Studies:** Asian Languages and Culture, Asian Arts and Literature, Modern China and Japan, History of China, Japan and Southeast Asia, Political Systems, Foreign Policy and Asian Religions.

### Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Asian Studies.

Asian Studies is also an excellent program for graduate work in Comparative Cultures, International Relations, Public Policy, Political Science, Social Sciences, Education, Linguistics, Law and Medicine.

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### Where can I go for help?

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#### Career Planning

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### Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Asian studies, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Asian Studies department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)  
[Eastern Washington University](#)  
[Gonzaga University](#)

[Seattle University](#)  
[University of Puget Sound](#)  
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)

[Washington State University](#)  
[Western Washington University](#)  
[Whitman College](#)

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### What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Asian Studies?

Asian Studies is an excellent course of study to prepare future leaders for work with an area of the world that has become increasingly important in global affairs. Asian Studies majors become teachers and professors, researchers, diplomats, counselors, administrators, advocates, curators, publicists, and business leaders.

**Potential employers include:** Local, State and Federal and Government Agencies, Foreign Service, Public and Private Schools, Hospitals and Health Care Facilities, Law Firms, Community and Social Service Organizations, Public Advocacy Groups, Non-Profit Organizations, Foundations, Historical Societies, Asia Society, Museums, Libraries, Colleges and Universities, Business and Industry. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

## What courses should I take?\*

*Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Asian Studies.*

### Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

### Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

## I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**Quant. and Symb. Reasoning**

MATH &107, &146, PHIL &120

## II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

**Humanities**

CHIN &121 or JAPN &121  
JAPN &221 (if majoring in Japan Studies)

ARTH 204 or 210, ENGL 154, HUM 140, PHIL 210

**Natural Sciences**

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ENVS& 101, OCEA& 101, GEOG 204, MATH& 146

**Social Sciences**

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EASIA 218, INST 123, 200, 201, 205,

## III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

CHIN &122, &123  
JAPN &122, &123  
JAPN &222, &223 (if majoring in Japan Studies)

ANTH &206, ARTH 204, 210, ENGL 154, PHIL &210, PE 116, 216, 117, 217

## What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	Course Equivalencies
Seattle University	B.A. in Asian Studies	Graduation requirement -- Two years of an Asian language, plus courses in Asian Studies and Social Sciences	CHIN &121-&123 or JAPN &121-&123, &221-&223, ARTH 204, 210, ECON &201, &202, POLS &203
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A. in Asian Language and Literature or B.A. in International Studies Asian Studies	Concentrations in China, Japan, Korea, South and Southeast Asia Graduation requirements –Two years of an Asian language required. Students can study other Asian languages through the UW Asian Languages and Literature department.	CHIN &121-&123 or JAPN &121-&123, &221-&223
Washington State University	B.A. in Asian Studies, Certificate in East Asian Studies for College of Business Majors, Certificate in East Asian Studies for College of Engineering and Architecture Majors	Graduation requirement - Two years of a single Asian language required. Study abroad in Asia is strongly encouraged..	CHIN &121-&123 or JAPN &121-&123, &221-&223
Western Washington University	B.A. in East Asian Studies	Graduation Requirement – Two years of Chinese or Japanese, plus East Asian Studies courses. Study abroad in Asia is strongly encouraged.	CHIN &121-&123 or JAPN &121-&123, &221-&223 and HIST/EASIA 218

**\*\* This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**