

Certificate in Asian Studies

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The University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu offers students the opportunity to study the cultures of Asia in an interdisciplinary program leading to an Academic Subject Certificate in Asian Studies. This academic credential is included on student transcripts and can be the first step toward employment in a variety of professional and academic fields related directly, or indirectly, to Asia.

The term "Asia" is of Western origin, but for the purposes of this certificate, refers geographically to the Far East (China, Japan, and Korea), Southeast Asia, and South Asia (India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh). Although the term is vague, the economic and cultural influence of Asia is real. Due to the increasingly global environment of business, persons with an understanding of Asian cultures are in demand. Asia is home to nearly 60% of global GDP, some of the world's fastest-growing economies, half the world's population, and an expanding middle class, and so offers great opportunities for U.S. firms and workers. Therefore, graduates with an understanding of Asian cultures are in demand by employers such as businesses, government, and schools.

Asian Content Courses: 12 credits

At least 6 credits must be Upper Division (300-400 level) from list; must come from at least 2 different concentrations:

*Other Asia-related courses may be used with faculty approval.

Business:

- BUSA 325 Asian Economies, Business and Consumers (*Cross-listed with HIST 365*)
- BUSA 390C Topics in Hospitality: Chinese Tourism
- BUSA 465 International Disaster Management (*Cross-listed with PUBA 465*)
- MGT 343 Comparative Management: US & Japan

Chinese:

- CHNS 100 Intro to Chinese Art, Culture & Language
- CHNS 186(alpha) Topics in Spoken Chinese
- CHNS 201 Intermediate Mandarin I
- CHNS 202 Intermediate Mandarin II
- CHNS 221 Practical Mandarin for Intermediates I
- CHNS 222 Practical Mandarin for Intermediates II

Filipino:

- FIL 100 Intro to Filipino Art, Culture & Language
- FIL 186(alpha) Topics in Spoken Filipino

History:

- HIST 241 Civilizations of Asia
- HIST 243 Asia Cool: Modern Asia & Pop Culture
- HIST 306 History of Southeast Asia
- HIST 311 Chinese Culture
- HIST 312 Modern China
- HIST 318 Asian American History
- HIST 321 Japanese Culture
- HIST 322 Modern Japan
- HIST 325 Asian Economics, Business & Consumers
- HIST 326 Japan Cool: Anime, Manga and Film

- HIST 369 K-pop and J-pop: Korean and Japanese Popular Music and Society (Cross-Listed MUS 369)
- HIST 398,498 Selected Topics in History (must be Asia related)
- HIST 399,499 Directed Reading and Research (must be Asia related)

Ilocano:

- ILO 100 Introduction to Ilocano Art, Culture & Language
- ILO 186(alpha) Topics in Spoken Ilocano
- ILO 201 Intermediate Ilocano I
- ILO Intermediate Ilocano II

Japanese:

- JPNS 100 Intro to Japanese Art, Culture & Language
- JPNS 186(alpha) Topics in Spoken Japanese
- JPNS 201 Intermediate Japanese I
- JPNS 202 Intermediate Japanese II
- JPNS 221 Practical Japanese for Intermediates I
- JPNS 222 Practical Japanese for Intermediates II

Korean:

- KOR 100 Intro to Korean Art, Culture & Language
- KOR 186(alpha) Topics in Spoken Korean
- KOR 201 Intermediate Korean I
- KOR 202 Intermediate Korean II
- KOR 221 Intermediate Practical Korean I
- KOR 222 Intermediate Practical Korean II

Music:

- MUS 369 K-pop and J-pop: Korean and Japanese Popular Music and Society (*Cross-Listed HIST 369*)

Philosophy:

- PHIL 102 Intro to Philosophy: Asian Traditions
- PHIL 470 (alpha) Studies in Asian Philosophy

Political Science:

- POLS 450 Pacific Asian Politics

Public Administration:

- PUBA 465 International Disaster Management (Cross-listed with BUSA 465)

Sociology:

- SOC 457 Okinawans Locally and Globally (Cross-listed ANTH 475)

Credits	Course Alpha / Number / Title
3	Upper Division (300-400)
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Practical Training: 3 Credits

3 upper-division credits of either study abroad or practicum/internship.

*Students who plan to pursue a career in using an Asian language are strongly recommended to spend 1-2 semesters abroad.

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3	HUM 490 Asian Practicum or Study Abroad International Related Practicum: An internship in an Asian country, a domestic internship with an Asia-Related corporation, a domestic internship with extensive contact with Asian clients or service learning project with an Asian component (i.e., work with Asian immigrants). A senior practicum can fulfill this requirement. -OR- Study Abroad or Overseas Field trip: 2 week minimum time spent outside of the United States in an Asian nation (in East Asia, Southeast Asia or South Asia). A senior project or directed readings class with a travel component may also count.

Asian Language Requirement: 6-8 credits

-Student must show proficiency in an Asian language equivalent to or better than having finished the 2nd semester of a college language course (i.e. JPN 102 or JPNS 122)

-A student can show proficiency through a transcript showing the student has completed the first year of an Asian language course with a grade of C or higher, or by providing a certificate or letter showing the results of a placement test at a recognized university or college language testing facility. Native speakers of an Asian language can show proficiency by certifying their native speaker status. ***It is the student's responsibility to obtain this documentation;***
OR

The requirement may also be fulfilled by achieving beginning proficiency in TWO Asian languages equivalent or better than the first semester of a first year college language course (i.e., KOR 102 and CHN 102; or ILO 102 and JPN 102)

- CHN 101 Elementary Mandarin I
- CHN 102 Elementary Mandarin II
- CHNS 121 Practical Mandarin for Beginners I
- CHNS 122 Practical Mandarin for Beginners II
- ILO 101 Beginning Ilokano
- ILO 102 Beginning Ilokano II
- KOR 101 Elementary Korean I
- KOR 102 Elementary Korean II
- KOR 121 Beginning Practical Korean I
- KOR 122 Beginning Practical Korean II
- JPNS 101 Elementary Japanese I
- JPNS 102 Elementary Japanese II
- JPNS 121 Beginning Practical Japanese I

- JPNS 122 Beginning Practical Japanese II

Credits	Course Alpha / Number / Title
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A grade of C or higher or Credit (CR) is required for all courses for the certificate.

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