

ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR WORKSHEET

General Requirements

Students may specialize in China, Japan, or more broadly across Asia (including East, South, and Southeast Asia). All majors have to complete 12 courses, at least 4 of which will be through a Clark-approved Study Abroad program in Asia. Of the 12 courses, at least 5 of them must be 200-level or higher, unless the student has prior permission. In the event it is not possible to do so due to limited course offerings, students can petition to have other courses (at Clark, within the Consortium, and/or Study Abroad) count towards this requirement. Students should send the petition and supporting documentation, such as syllabi, to their Asian Studies adviser *and* the current Program Director in advance. Prior permission is required.

Study-Abroad Program in Asia

Normally, 4 courses from a study-abroad program can be counted towards the Asian Studies requirements at Clark University. These courses should be approved in advance of your departure. Additional courses beyond these 4 may be counted with prior permission by the Program Director.

Language Requirement

Students are expected to gain a functional literacy in the language of their area of specialization. Students specializing in Chinese or Japanese are normally required to complete the equivalent of advanced Chinese or Japanese at Clark plus 1 semester in China or Japan as part of a Clark-approved study-abroad program. A student studying Southeast Asia is required to study a major language from that region, either through a locally available instructor or as part of a Clark approved study-abroad program. All students must complete a minimum of 4 semesters of language instruction. Additional courses (either in a second Asian language or advanced-level in your first) can count towards the major requirements.

Other Requirements

Students specializing in China or Japan must take at least 3 courses or regions of Asia *different* from their country of specialization unless they have prior approval from their Asian Studies Faculty Advisor *and* the current Program Director. The determination of what courses meet this requirement should be determined in consultation with both of them.

Directed Study

Students may also pursue directed study projects under the supervision of an Asian Studies faculty member in their area of interest or specialization. Students need to contact potential faculty members in advance to discuss whether they are willing and able to oversee a directed study.

Topical and/or Advanced Language Courses

No.	Level	Course Name (+SA if Study Broad)	Instructor	Semester Completed
1	100			
2	100			
3	100			
4	100			
5	100			
6	200			
7	200			
8	200			
9	200			
10	200			

Language Courses

No.	Level	Course Name	Instructor	Semester Completed
1	101			
2	102			
3	103			
4	104			

Complementary Minor or Second Major

Students are required to fulfill a minor (or a second major) in an established department to ensure they have basic competence in an established discipline.

_____ (Minor or Major and Faculty Advisor)

Honors Program (Optional)

To be eligible, students must:

- Have a 3.5 GPA in Asian Studies and a 3.3 overall GPA;
- Submit a detailed research proposal to the Director Asian Studies by 1 April of the Spring Semester of their Junior Year and a letter of support from a potential Honors Thesis advisor in support of your application;
- Be able to complete 2 semesters of Honors 297;
- Must complete an oral defense (with first and second readers);
- Must present on Academic Spree Day.

1. _____ (Fall)

2. _____ (Spring)