

Major Fields

Students select their two major fields from the following list. Core courses in each field ensure that students meet the program's multi-country requirements with course work covering, at least, two countries. Students are encouraged to take courses on South and Southeast Asia in addition to courses on China, Korea, and Japan. With the approval of the [program director](#), students may substitute courses on South or Southeast Asia for one of the core courses in each field.

Modern Asian History (minimum of three courses)

[Hist 288](#) Modern Southeast Asia (Fall)
[Hist 289](#) Reading and Research Seminar: Modern Japan (Spring)
[Hist 295](#) Readings Seminar: Late Imperial China (Fall)
[Hist 296](#) Readings Seminar: 20th Century China (Spring)
[Hist 297](#) US-East Asian Relations (Fall)
[Hist 297](#) Japan's Empire and its Legacies (Spring)
[Hist 298](#) Modern Korea (Fall)

Or other related Asian History courses with permission of the Asian Studies Program Director

Contemporary Asian Politics and Society (minimum of three courses)

Required Courses (At least one of three):

[PSc 268](#) Politics of Japan (Fall)
[PSc 270](#) Politics of China I (Fall)
[PSc 274](#) Government and Politics of Korea (Fall)

Supporting Courses (If you only take one required course, at least one of your two choices from the supporting courses must be from a different country. ie. all three courses in this field cannot be on the same country):

[PSc 271](#) Politics of China II [Prerequisite: PSc 270] (Spring)
[PSc 288](#) Conflict and Stability in South Asia (Fall)
[IAff 218](#) Pakistan and the Radical Islamic Threat (Fall)
[IAff 288](#) The Chinese Military (Spring)
[IAff 322](#) Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy (Fall)
[IAff 328](#) Politics of Finance in India and China (Spring)
[Educ 228](#) Education in Islamic Asia (Fall)
[Law 536](#) Law of Japan (Spring)
[Law 543](#) Law of the People's Republic of China (Fall)

Or other related Contemporary Asian Politics and Society courses with permission of the Asian Studies Program Director

International Relations of Asia (minimum of three courses)

Required Course

[PSc 275](#) International Politics of East Asia (Spring)

Supporting Courses (At least two):

[Hist 297](#) US-East Asian Relations (Fall)

[PSc 267](#) Asian Security (Fall)

[PSc 272](#) Foreign Policy of China (Fall)

[PSc 288](#) East Asian Regionalism (Fall)

[PSc 289](#) Japanese Foreign Policy (Spring)

[IAff 218](#) Rising Powers: Allies or Rivals? (Fall 2010 Only)

[IAff 322](#) Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy (Fall)

[IAff 325](#) US-South Asian Relations (Summer)

[IAff 328](#) International Relations of South Asia (Spring)

Or other related International Relations of Asia courses with permission of the Asian Studies Program Director

Asian Economies and Development (minimum of three courses)

Required Courses (At least one of two):

[Econ 269](#) Economy of China (Spring)

[Econ 271](#) Economy of Japan (Fall)

Supporting Courses

[PSc 236](#) Political Economy of Developing Countries (Varies)

[PSc 273](#) Political Economy of Asia (Varies)

[IAff 328](#) Politics of Finance in India and China (Spring)

[Econ 217](#) Survey of [Micro] Economics (Fall, Spring, and Summer)

[Econ 218](#) Survey of [Macro] Economics (Fall, Spring, and Summer)

[Econ 250](#) Survey of Economic Development (Fall and Spring)

[Econ 255](#) Economics of Technical Change (Fall)

[Econ 280](#) Survey of International Economics (Fall, Spring, and Summer. Summer class can be taken on campus or in an accelerated version for two weeks in Shanghai, China)

[Econ 283](#) Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy (Fall, Spring, and Summer)

[Econ 284](#) Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy (Fall, Spring, and Summer)

[Econ 294](#) Topics in Economic Development (Fall and Spring)

Or other related Asian Economics and Development courses with permission of the Asian Studies Program Director

* In addition to the courses above, it is recommended that students take, at some point in their program, a technical skills course. We recommend, for example, [IAFF 212](#), Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners, but students could also take courses on GIS or [Econ 221](#), Economics in Policy Analysis.