MINOR IN ASIAN STUDIES

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a minor in Asian studies. Chinese, with more than 1.3 billion speakers, represents the world’s largest linguistic community, while Japanese is the language of the world’s third-largest economy. Besides Chinese and Japanese language courses at all levels, the program features topics in Asian culture, literature, history, religion, philosophy, anthropology, politics and development. It is designed to give you a comprehensive understanding of Asia’s multi-faceted role in the contemporary world and of its historical and cultural transformations.

Students are encouraged to participate in summer programs in China and Japan as well as to engage in volunteer opportunities offered through the Centre for Global and Community Engagement of the University of Ottawa.

The wide range of skills and knowledge you acquire not only gives you important academic assets, but also prepares you for interesting careers in both the public and private sectors.

All of our language courses are taught in Chinese or in Japanese. Other courses are offered in English or in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-studies/) for information on including a minor to your degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

One option from the following: 15 Units

Option 1: Chinese

CHN 1901 Introduction to Chinese I
CHN 1902 Introduction to Chinese II
CHN 2101 Introduction to Chinese Culture
CHN 2901 Intermediate Chinese I
CHN 2902 Intermediate Chinese II

Option 2: Japanese

JPN 1901 Introduction to Japanese I
JPN 1902 Introduction to Japanese II
JPN 2101 Introduction to Japanese Culture
JPN 2901 Intermediate Japanese I
JPN 2902 Intermediate Japanese II

15 optional course units from the list of optional courses 2, 3 15 Units

Total: 30 Units

List of Optional Courses

- ANT 3307 Contemporary Japanese Society 3 Units
- ASI 3110 Selected Topics in East Asian Culture 3 Units
- ASI 3111 East Asian Cinemas 3 Units
- CHN 1901 Introduction to Chinese I 3 Units
- CHN 1902 Introduction to Chinese II 3 Units
- CHN 2101 Introduction to Chinese Culture 3 Units
- CHN 2901 Intermediate Chinese I 3 Units
- CHN 2902 Intermediate Chinese II 3 Units
- CHN 3901 Advanced Chinese I 3 Units
- CHN 3902 Advanced Chinese II 3 Units
- DVM 4125 International Development Issues in Asia 3 Units
- GEG 4702 Le développement des villes 3 Units
- HIS 2175 Southeast Asian Civilizations to the 18th Century 3 Units
- HIS 2176 Southeast Asian Civilizations from the 18th Century to the Present 3 Units
- HIS 2177 History of East Asia from Antiquity to 1600 3 Units
- HIS 2178 History of East Asia from 1600 to the Present 3 Units
- HIS 3175 A History of the Vietnam Wars 3 Units
- HIS 3180 Selected Topics in Asian History 3 Units
- HIS 4184 Seminar in Asian History 3 Units
- JPN 1901 Introduction to Japanese I 3 Units
- JPN 1902 Introduction to Japanese II 3 Units
- JPN 2101 Introduction to Japanese Culture 3 Units
- JPN 2901 Intermediate Japanese I 3 Units
- JPN 2902 Intermediate Japanese II 3 Units
- JPN 3901 Advanced Japanese I 3 Units
- JPN 3902 Advanced Japanese II 3 Units
- PHI 2389 Asian Philosophy 3 Units
- POL 3114 Comparative Politics: Asia 3 Units
- SCS 3170 Selected Topics in Asian Studies: Socio-Political Issues 3 Units
- SRS 3312 Hinduism 3 Units
- SRS 3313 Buddhism 3 Units
- SRS 3318 Religion in China and Japan 3 Units

Note(s)

1 Students whose level of proficiency is higher than elementary Chinese or Japanese, as established by a placement test, will either take 6 course units at the intermediate or advanced level or 6 course units in the other language.

2 Advanced standing for courses taught in Asian languages other than Chinese or Japanese may count towards the optional course.

3 Students who select Option 1: Chinese may take courses from Option 2: Japanese to fulfill the optional course requirements, and vice-versa.