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Proposed Change in Asian Studies Major (two options) and Minor Degree

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1. Lower-division requirements (8 units plus language requirement)

   a) Two years of basic language instruction in either Chinese (CHN 001-CHN 002-CHN 003, CHN 004-CHN 005-006, or CHN 090 or its equivalents), Japanese (JPN 001-JPN 002-JPN 003, JPN 004-JPN 005-JPN 006, or JPN 090 or its equivalents), or Korean (KOR 001-KOR 002-KOR 003, KOR 004-KOR 005, or KOR 090 or its equivalents)

   Note Either CHN 001-CHN 002-CHN 003, CHN 004, JPN 001-JPN 002-JPN 003, JPN 004, or KOR 001-KOR 002-KOR 003, KOR 004 may also be used to fulfill the language requirement in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

   b) AST 045E/HIST 045E

   c) At least one of the following courses: AST 090, AST 030/CHN 030, AST 045F/HIST 045F, AST 045G/HIST 045G, JPN 035, AST 018/AHS 018, AHS 015, ETST 005, HIST 030, WRLT 029, RLST 005

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1. Lower-division requirements (12 units plus language requirement)

   a) Two years of basic language instruction in either Chinese (CHN 001-CHN 002-CHN 003, CHN 004-CHN 005-CHN 006, or CHN 090 or its equivalents), Japanese (JPN 001-JPN 002-JPN 003, JPN 004-JPN 005-JPN 006, or JPN 090 or its equivalents), or Korean (KOR 001-KOR 002-KOR 003, KOR 004-KOR 005, or KOR 090 or its equivalents)

   Note Either CHN 001-CHN 002-CHN 003, CHN 004, JPN 001-JPN 002-JPN 003, JPN 004, or KOR 001-KOR 002-KOR 003, KOR 004 may also be used to fulfill the language requirement in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

   b) AST 045E/HIST 045E

   c) At least 8 units from the following courses:

   AST 090, AST 018/AHS 018, AST 022/FVC 022/JPN 022/WRLT 022, AST 030/CHN 030, AST 034/JPN 034, AST 040/CHN 040, AST 045F/HIST 045F, AST 048/CHN 048, AHS 015, ETST 005, ETST 005H, HIST 030, HIST 044/RLST 044, JPN 035, RLST 005, RLST 005H, WRLT 029
2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)

   a) At least 28 units from the following courses dealing with China, Japan, and Korea: AST 190, AST 140/AHS 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 144/AHS 144, AST 130/A-AST 130B/CHN 130A/CHN 130B, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 148/CHN 148, AST 185/CHN 185, JPN 150, CHN 101A/CHN 101B/CHN 101C, CHN 104, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190, HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182, JPN 101A, JPN 101B, JPN 101C, JPN 151/AST 151, JPN 142, JPN 190, RLST 103, RLST 105, RLST 106, RLST 108

   b) At least 8 units from the following courses focused comparatively on Asia and Asian Americans: ANTH 140-I, CPLT 141M, ENGL 121, ETST 110 (E-Z), ETST 137, ETST 138, ETST 150, ETST 136/SOC 136, RLST 104

2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)

   a) At least 28 units from the following courses dealing with China, Japan, and Korea: AST 190, AST 107/CHN 107/RLST 107, AST 130/A/CHN 130A, AST 130B/CHN 130B, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 140/AHS 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 142/CHN 142/RLST 142, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 144/AHS 144, AST 147/AHS 146, AST 148/CHN 148, AST 151/JPN 151, AST 152 (E-Z)/JPN 152 (E-Z), AST 169/MUS 169 (maximum of 4 units), AST 184/CPLT 184/FVC 184/JPN 184, AST 185/CHN 185, AST 190, AST 195, CPAC 130G, CPAC 131, CHN 101A, CHN 101B, CHN 101C, CHN 104, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190, ECON 179, HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182, HIST 191W, JPN 101A, JPN 101B, JPN 101C, JPN 190, RLST 103, RLST 105, RLST 106

   b) At least 8 units from the following courses focused comparatively on East Asia, Europe, and Asian America: AST 128/ANTH 128/DNCE 128/MUS 128/THEA 176, AST 190, AST 195, CPLT 141, CPLT 143/FREN 143, CPLT 144/RLST 144, ENGL 121 (E-Z) (see program chair for approval of particular segment), ETST 110 (E-Z), ETST 133, ETST 137, ETST 140, ETST 144, ETST 150, PHIL 109, PHIL 110, POSC 130, SOC 136
e) Senior Thesis: Completion of a senior thesis in the first or second quarter of the senior year (This includes a substantial paper based on original research; ideally, primary documents are consulted in the course of conducting the research.)

**Note** A maximum of 12 units in East Asian language courses over and above those fulfilling the lower-division prerequisites are allowed in fulfilling the 36-unit requirement.

**Comparative Asian Studies Option**

The Comparative Asian Studies option is designed for students who wish to pursue a comparative approach to Asian Studies. The option focuses on the historical interactions and cultural similarities and differences among East, Northeast, South, Southeast, West, and Central Asia peoples and the Asian American community. Language prerequisites of the Comparative Asian Studies option can be filled by Chinese, Japanese, or Korean courses or by training in other Asian languages.

**Note** A maximum of 12 units in East Asian language courses over and above those fulfilling the lower-division prerequisites are allowed in fulfilling the 36-unit requirement.

**Comparative Asian Studies Option**

The Comparative Asian Studies option is designed for students who wish to pursue a comparative approach to Asian Studies. The option focuses on the historical interactions and cultural similarities and differences among East, Northeast, South, Southeast, West, and Central Asia peoples, including those constituting transnational and/or diasporic communities throughout the world. Students interested in Asian diaspora communities in America are encouraged to consider a secondary disciplinary focus in Ethnic Studies, leading to a minor or a second major in Asian American Studies. Students planning graduate work in Asian Studies are encouraged to write a senior thesis in the first or second quarter of the senior year. (This is a substantial paper based on original research; ideally, primary documents are consulted in the course of conducting the research, and the topic should deal with a comparative theme within Asian Studies.)
1. Lower-division requirements (12 units plus language requirement)
   a) Two years of basic language instruction in any Asian language (This requirement may be filled by language courses currently offered at UCR such as Chinese, Japanese, or Korean, or by courses in other East, Northeast, South, Southeast, West, or Central Asian languages taken at other accredited institutions subject to the approval of the chair of the Asian Studies Committee.)
   b) At least 8 units from the following courses: AHS 015, AST 090, AST 018/AHS 018, AST 030/CHN 030, AST 045 (E-Z)/HIST 045 (E-Z), JPN 035, ETST 005, HIST 030, WRLT 029, RLST 005

2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)
   a) At least 12 units from the following courses: AST 190, CPLT 141M, ENGL 121
b) Twenty-four units (24) taken from at least two or more of the following four area groupings:

(1) Asian American: ETST 110 (E-Z), ETST 137, ETST 138, ETST 150, ETST 135/SOC 136

(2) China: AST 140/AHS 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 130A-AST 130B/CHN 130A-CHN 130B, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 148/CHN 148, AST 185/CHN 185, AST 107/CHN 107/RLST 107, AST 142/CHN 142/RLST 142, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190, HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182, RLST 103

(3) Japan/Korea: AST 144/AHS 144, AST 147/AHS 146, JPN 150, JPN 151/AST 151, JPN 152, JPN 190, MUS 169/AST 169, RLST 105, RLST 108

(4) Other East, Northeast, South, Southeast, West, or Central Asia: ANTH 140-I, AST 127/ANTH 128/DNCE 128/MUS 128/THEA 176, AST 127/ANTH 176/DNCE 127/ETST 172/MUS 127, AST 168/MUS 168 (4 units maximum), RLST 101, RLST 106, RLST 108

b) Twenty-four units (24) taken from at least two or more of the following five area groupings:

(1) Asian America: AST 124/MUS 124, ENGL 139, ENGL 139T, ETST 106, ETST 110 (E-Z), ETST 133, ETST 137, ETST 138, ETST 139, ETST 140, ETST 143A, ETST 143B, ETST 143C, ETST 144, ETST 150, SOC 136

(2) China: AST 107/CHN 107/RLST 107, AST 140/AHS 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 142/CHN 142/RLST 142, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 130A/CHN 130A, AST 130B/CHN 130B, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 148/CHN 148, AST 185/CHN 185, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190, ECON 179, HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182, HIST 191W, RLST 103

(3) Japan/Korea: AST 144/AHS 144, AST 147/AHS 146, AST 151/JPN 151, AST 152 (E-Z)/JPN 152 (E-Z), AST 169/MUS 169 (4 units maximum), AST 184/CPLT 184/FVC 184/JPN 184, JPN 190, RLST 105

(4) Southeast Asia: ANTH 140-I, AST 127/ANTH 176/DNCE 127/ETST 172/MUS 127, AST 168/MUS 168 (4 units maximum), AST 170/MUS 170 (4 units maximum)
Senior Thesis: Completion of a senior thesis in the first or second quarter of the senior year. (This includes a substantial paper based on original research; ideally, primary documents are consulted in the course of conducting the research, and the topic should deal with a comparative theme within Asian Studies.)

Minor

Asian Studies offers a minor which consists of 28 units chosen from the following list.

1. Lower-division requirements (8 units)

AST 030/CHN 030, JPN 035, HIST 045 (E-Z)/AST 045 (E-Z), RLST 005

Minor

The Asian Studies minor allows students from any discipline to enhance their studies with a focus on Asian peoples and cultures. The minor consists of 28 units.

1. Lower-division requirements: 8 units from the following courses:

AHS 015, AST 018/AHS 018, AST 022/FVC 022/JPN 022/WRLT 022, AST 030/CHN 030, AST 034/JPN 034, AST 040/CHN/040, AST 045 (E-Z)/HIST 045 (E-Z), HIST 044/RLST 044, JPN 035, RLST 005, RLST 005H
2. Upper-division requirements (20 units)

ANTH 140-I
AST 190 (No more than 4 units may be applied to the minor.) AST 128/ANTH 128/DNCE 128/MUS 128/THEA 176 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 144/AHS 144
AST 147/AHS 146
AST 130A-AST 130B/CHN 130A-CHN 130B, AST 130C, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 148/CHN 148, AST 185/CHN 185
AST 142/CHN 142/RLST 142
AST 127/ANTH 176/DNCE 127/ETST 172/MUS 127
JPN 150
CHN 101A-CHN 101B-CHN 101C, CHN 104, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190
ETST 150
HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182
JPN 101A, JPN 101B, JPN 101C, JPN 151/JPN 152, JPN 190
RLST 101, RLST 103, RLST 105, RLST 108

2. Upper-division requirements: 20 units from the following courses:

ANTH 140-I
AST 107/CHN 107/RLST 107, AST 124/MUS 124, AST 127/ANTH 128/DNCE 128/MUS 128/THEA 176, AST 128/ANTH 128/DNCE 128/MUS 128/THEA 176, AST 130A/CHN 130A, AST 130B/CHN 130B, AST 130C, AST 135/CHN 135, AST 136/CHN 136, AST 140/AHS 140, AST 141/AHS 141, AST 142/CHN 142/RLST 142, AST 143/AHS 143, AST 144/AHS 144, AST 147/AHS 148/CHN 148, AST 151/JPN 151, AST 152 (E-Z)/JPN 152 (E-Z), AST 168/MUS 168 (No more than 2 units may be applied to the minor.), AST 169/MUS 169 (No more than 2 units may be applied to the minor.), AST 170/MUS 170 (No more than 2 units may be applied to the minor.), AST 184/CPLT 184/FVC 184/JPN 184, AST 185/CHN 185, AST 190 (No more than 4 units may be applied to the minor.)
CHN 101A, CHN 101B, CHN 101C, CHN 104, CHN 105, CHN 108, CHN 110 (E-Z), CHN 115 (E-Z), CHN 190
CPLT 141, CPLT 143, CPLT 144/RLST 144
ECON 179
ENGL 139, ENGL 139T
ETST 133, ETST 137, ETST 138, ETST 140, ETST 143A, ETST 144, ETST 150
HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 182, HIST 191W
JPN 101A, JPN 101B, JPN 101C, JPN 142, JPN 150, JPN 190
PHIL 109, PHIL 110
POSC 130
RLST 101, RLST 103, RLST 105, RLST 106, RLST 108
The following justifications are offered for all changes submitted:

(1) Courses that fulfill major and minor requirements have been updated to reflect expanded course offerings now available in many departments and programs. Lists of acceptable courses are now clearly presented in alphanumeric order by department code.

(2) Several factors have prompted the program to replace the mandatory senior thesis requirement with an optional one (although students planning to continue on to graduate study will be encouraged strongly to exercise this option):
   • Student interest in particular areas, especially Japan and Korea, has created a disproportionate burden on the relatively few faculty members with research interests in these areas.
   • Students who elect the minor have indicated that they would be interested in adding Asian Studies as a second major were it not for the thesis requirement; this is particularly true for language majors, who would prefer additional coursework in the target language to undertaking thesis research.
   • The committee plans to inaugurate internships as a practical alternative for students with various career objectives.

(3) Four lower division units have been added to both major tracks to ensure broader historical-cultural background before a student proceeds to more specialized upper division work.

An additional grouping (Southeast Asia) added to the Comparative Asian Studies option to reflect an academic area targeted for significant growth in CHASS.

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