

Bachelor of Arts

Asian Studies (BA)

Please note: Admissions is on hold for program review Fall 2026 onward.

Requirements

A total of 120 credit hours is required for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Asian Studies. The 120 credit hours are divided into two major categories:

1. Requirements for General Education and electives and
2. 30-32 hours at the upper level required for the Asian Studies major

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major

Information Literacy and Research can be met in the major by HIST 201 or POLS 308.

HIST 101H is required for Interpreting the Past.

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
- Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Arts and Humanities Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours). ASIA courses and any course listed as an elective choice for the major cannot be used to meet this option.

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.

- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Asian Studies Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	38-47
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credits)	6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level	0-6

Research Methods

Select one of the following:	3
HIST 201	Introduction to Historical Methods
POLS 308	Research Design
SOC 337	Social Research Methods
PSYC 317	Quantitative Methods
ECON 400	From Correlation to Causation: Applied Causal Inference

Upper-Level Elective Courses 24-26

Capstone Seminar in Asian Studies

ASIA 461W	Asian Studies Capstone Seminar *	3
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Total Credit Hours 74-91

* Grade of C or better required.

Upper-level Elective Courses (24-26 credit hours at the 300 or 400 Level)

These courses can be elected from the list below. Students are strongly encouraged to take courses in more than one region of Asia. Courses are under development in different disciplines, and additional courses with an Asian content may be approved by the program director. No course listed below may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

Asian Studies

ASIA 332	South Asia Since Independence	3
ASIA/HIST 336	The Emergence of New China	3
ASIA 337/HIST 338	Japan's Era of Transformation	3
ASIA/POLS 338W	Politics of East Asia	3
ASIA/PHIL 353	Asian Religions	3
ASIA 360	Asian Art	3
ASIA 395	Topics in Asian Studies	3
ASIA/POLS 435	Chinese Politics	3
ASIA 461W	Asian Studies Capstone Seminar	3
ASIA 495	Topics in Asian Studies	3
Asian Experience (Study Abroad or an approved practicum; consult with the director for arrangements)		3

Business Management and Marketing

MGMT 463	Management Seminar Abroad (Korea, Philippines, China and/or other Asian countries)	3
MKTG 496	Selected Topics in Marketing (Asian content)	3

Communication

COMM 300	International Sojourning	3
COMM 400W	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 495/496	Topics in Communication (Asian content)	1-3

Economics		
ECON 450	International Economics	3
ECON 454W	Economic Development	3
ECON 495	Selected Topics in Economics (Asian content)	1-3
English		
ENGL 396	Topics in English (Contemporary Filipino/ Filipino-American Literature)	1-3
ENGL 495	Topics in English (Techno-Orientalism in Science Fiction Film & Literature)	1-3
Filipino American Studies		
FAST 395	Topics in Filipino American Studies	3
Foreign Languages		
CHIN 395	Topics in Chinese	1-3
CHIN 311	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I	3
CHIN 312	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture II	3
JAPN 301	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese I	3
JAPN 302	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese II	3
JAPN 309	Kanji Skills for Reading Japanese	3
JAPN 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey	3
JAPN 311	Global Conversations	3
JAPN 312W	Writing Around the World	3
JAPN 323	World Cultures and Contexts	3
JAPN 335	Japanese Society and Language	3
JAPN 396	Topics in Japanese	1-3
WCS 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey (Culture class in English)	3
Geography		
GEOG 453	Asia	3
GEOG 495/496	Topics in Geography (Asian content)	1-4
History		
HIST/ASIA 336	The Emergence of New China	3
HIST 338/ASIA 337	Japan's Era of Transformation	3
HIST 396	Topics in History	1-3
HIST 495	Topics in History	1-3
International Business		
INBU 463	International Business Seminar Abroad	3
Philosophy and Religious Studies		
REL 352	Islam	3
PHIL/ASIA 353	Asian Religions	3
PHIL 380	Hinduism	3
PHIL 381	Buddhist Traditions	3
PHIL 482	Chinese Religion and Philosophy	3
PHIL 485	Japanese Religion and Philosophy	3
PHIL 495/496	Topics in Philosophy (Asian content)	1-3
Political Science		
POLS/ASIA 338W	Politics of East Asia	3
POLS/ASIA 435	Chinese Politics	3
POLS 437	International Relations in East Asia	3
POLS 495/496	Topics in Political Science (Asian content)	1-3
Psychology		
PSYC 420	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
Sociology		
SOC 306	Religion and Society	3
SOC 395	Topics in Sociology (Asian content)	3
Women's Studies		
WGS 401W	Women: A Global Perspective	3
WGS 495	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3

Elective courses may be taken for the remainder of the minimum 120 credits required for the degree.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 110C	English Composition (Grade of C or better required)	3
Oral Communication		3
Mathematical Skills		3
Language & Culture I (CHIN 111F or JAPN 111F recommended)		6
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Human Behavior		3
Interpreting the Past: HIST 101H required		3
Language & Culture II (CHIN 212 or JAPN 212 recommended)		6
Human Creativity		3
Credit Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C	Writing, Rhetoric, and Research (Grade of C or better required) or Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
Nature of Science I		4
Philosophy and Ethics		3
300/400-level elective		3
Research Methods:		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 201	Introduction to Historical Methods	
POLS 308	Research Design	
SOC 337	Social Research Methods	
PSYC 317	Quantitative Methods	
ECON 400	From Correlation to Causation: Applied Causal Inference	
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
Literature		3
Nature of Science II		4
Impact of Technology		3
Information Literacy and Research (Can be met in the major by HIST 201 or POLS 308)		3
Elective course		3
Credit Hours		16
Junior		
Fall		
300/400-level major elective course		3

300/400-level major elective course	3	
Elective course	3	
Elective course	3	
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor	3	
Credit Hours	15	
Spring		
300/400-level major elective course	3	
300/400-level major elective course	3	
Elective course	3	
Elective course	3	
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor	3	
Credit Hours	15	
Senior		
Fall		
ASIA 461W	Asian Studies Capstone Seminar	3
300/400-level major elective course		3
300/400-level major elective course		3
Elective course		3
Minor or Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
300/400-level major elective course		3
300/400-level major elective course		3
Elective course		3
Elective course		1
Minor or Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		120

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Dual Dominion Program

The Dual Dominion BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/>) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Dual Dominion Program

The Dual Dominion BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant

to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the Dual Dominion program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/>). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.