

Bachelor of Arts

Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Asian Studies (BA)

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Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary field focused on diverse cultures, histories, politics, technologies, and societies of Asia. This major will provide students with opportunities to draw upon multiple academic fields, especially in growth areas such as Game Studies, AI, and Cybersecurity. Asian Studies offers students interested in Asia the ability to apply cultural competencies to niche and growing fields that will maximize their future success.

Requirements

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 ENGL 110C and the second written communication course before declaring a major.

Language and Culture: Proficiency through 202 level required; not met by associate degree. CHIN 111F/CHIN 212 or JAPN 111F/JAPN 212 recommended.

Philosophy and Ethics: PHIL 250E recommended

Impact of Technology: ENGL 307T/IDS 307T recommended

Upper Division General Education

Met in the major.

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.

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts *	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research **	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* Offered online only. Grade of C or better required.

** Offered online only. Grade of C- or better required.

Asian Studies Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	41-47
Complete upper-division requirements (met in the major)	0
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level	0-6

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

Complete interdisciplinary studies core	9
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Asian Studies Core Electives ***

ASIA 332	South Asia Since Independence	
ASIA/HIST 336	The Emergence of New China	
ASIA 337	Japan's Era of Transformation	
or HIST 338	Japan's Era of Transformation	
ASIA/POLS 338W	Politics of East Asia	
ASIA/PHIL 353	Asian Religions	
ASIA/ARTH 360	Asian Art	
ASIA 395	Topics in Asian Studies	
ASIA/POLS 435	Chinese Politics	
ASIA 461W	Asian Studies Capstone Seminar	
ASIA 495	Topics in Asian Studies	
GEOG 453	Asia	
HIST 330	Modern South Asia, c. 1700 to Present	
REL 483	Tibet, Happiness, and this Precious Life	

Asian Studies Electives +

Business Management and Marketing

MGMT 361	International Business Operations	
MGMT 463	Management Seminar Abroad	

Communications

COMM 300	International Sojourning	
COMM 400W	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 495	Topics in Communication ++	

Economics

ECON 450	International Economics	
ECON 454W	Economic Development	
ECON 455	Comparative Economic Systems	
ECON 495	Selected Topics in Economics ++	

English

ENGL 396	Topics in English ++	
ENGL 466W	Asian American Literature	
ENGL 495	Topics in English ++	

<i>Finance</i>	
FIN 497	Selected Topics in Finance ++
<i>Geography</i>	
GEOG 453	Asia
GEOG 495	Topics in Geography ++
<i>History</i>	
ASIA/HIST 336	The Emergence of New China
ASIA 337	Japan's Era of Transformation
or HIST 338	Japan's Era of Transformation
HIST 316	Cold War in History
HIST 330	Modern South Asia, c. 1700 to Present
HIST 396	Topics in History ++
HIST 495	Topics in History ++
<i>International Business</i>	
INBU 463	International Business Seminar Abroad
<i>Leadership</i>	
CPD 400	Foundations of Leadership
<i>Maritime Operations</i>	
SCLM 495	Selected Topics in Supply Chain, Logistics and Maritime Operations ++
<i>Philosophy and Religious Studies</i>	
PHIL 303E	Business Ethics
PHIL/REL 380	Hinduism
PHIL/REL 381	Buddhist Traditions
PHIL 482	Chinese Religion and Philosophy
PHIL 485	Japanese Religion and Philosophy
PHIL/REL 495	Topics in Philosophy ++
PHIL/REL 496	Topics in Philosophy ++
REL 352	Islam
<i>Political Science</i>	
ASIA/POLS 435	Chinese Politics
POLS 325W	World Politics
POLS 437	International Relations in East Asia
POLS 495	Topics in Political Science ++
POLS 496	Topics in Political Science ++
<i>Psychology</i>	
PSYC 420	Cross-Cultural Psychology
<i>Sociology</i>	
SOC 306	Religion and Society
SOC 395	Topics in Sociology ++
<i>Women's Studies</i>	
WGS 390T	Women, Gender, and Technology Worldwide
WGS 401W	Women: A Global Perspective
WGS 415	Migration and Refugee Studies
WGS 495	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies ++
<i>World Languages and Cultures</i>	
CHIN 311	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture I
CHIN 312	Advanced Chinese Language and Culture II
CHIN 395	Topics in Chinese
CHIN 396	Topics in Chinese
CHIN 495	Topics in Chinese
JAPN 301	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese I
JAPN 302	Intermediate to Advanced Japanese II
JAPN 309	Kanji Skills for Reading Japanese
JAPN 310	Japan: A Cultural Odyssey
JAPN 311	Global Conversations
JAPN 312W	Writing Around the World

JAPN 323	World Cultures and Contexts
JAPN 335	Japanese Society and Language
JAPN 395	Topics in Japanese
JAPN 396	Topics in Japanese
JAPN 422	Analyzing Japanese Conversation
JAPN 445	Japanese Language Acquisition and Teaching
JAPN 495	Topics in Japanese

Total Credit Hours **83-95**

- *** At least one course must be at the 400-level.
- + Some courses may have prerequisites.
- ++ Must contain Asian Studies content.

Electives

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		3
Human Creativity		3
Language & Culture II (CHIN 212 or JAPN 212 recommended)		6
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 & Ethics (PHIL 250E recommended)		3
Literature		3
Information Literacy & Research		3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
Nature of Science II		4
Impact of Technology (ENGL 307T/IDS 307T recommended)		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3

Elective		3
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Credit Hours		16
Junior		
Fall		
IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts (Grade of C or better required)	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research (Grade of C- or better required)	3
Asian Studies Major Core Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Asian Studies Major Core Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Core Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3
Elective or Minor Course		3
Elective or Minor Course		3
Elective		1
Credit Hours		16
Senior		
Fall		
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project (Grade of C- or better required)	3
Asian Studies Major Core Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3
Asian Studies Major Elective		3
Elective or Minor Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Asian Studies Major Core Elective (ASIA 461W recommended)		3
Elective or Minor Course		3
Elective (Internship recommended)		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		120

* Students may take JAPN 101F and JAPN 102F in lieu of JAPN 111F.

** Students may take JAPN 201 and JAPN 202 in lieu of JAPN 212

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.