The Asian Studies Program promotes a cosmopolitan understanding of the regional, national, and local cultures in the fastest-growing continent in the world. Our interdisciplinary program is based on an excellent core of faculty who are drawn from a range of departments (including languages, literatures, and cultures; English; history; music; political science; philosophy and religion; public policy; and sociology and anthropology) and the World Languages Center. Our students are strongly encouraged to accelerate their language acquisition process and gain firsthand knowledge of Asian cultures and societies through participation in a university-sponsored study-abroad program, an international co-op, a Dialogue of Civilizations program, or an experiential learning experience. Students can also take advantage of the outstanding Asian cultural resources available in the Boston metropolitan area, particularly at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem.

Academic Progression Standards
Same as university-wide standards described under “Academic Status (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status).”

Preapproved Template Program in Asian Studies
Asian studies offers a preapproved template program that may be paired with another preapproved template program to create a combined major.

Programs
Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Asian Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/asian-studies/asian-studies-ba)
- History and Asian Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-asian-studies-ba)

Minor
- East Asian Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/asian-studies/east-asian-studies-minor)

Courses
Asian Studies Courses
ASNS 1150. East Asian Studies. 4 Hours.
Seeks to provide an understanding of the constituent characteristics that originally linked East Asia as a region and the nature of the transformations that have occurred in the region over the last two thousand years. Concentrates on China and Japan, and addresses Korea and Vietnam where possible. Also seeks to provide students with effective interdisciplinary analytical skills as well as historical, ethical, cultural diversity, and aesthetic perspectives. ASNS 1150 and HIST 1150 are cross-listed.

ASNS 1151. Recitation for ASNS 1150. 0 Hours.
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in ASNS 1150.

ASNS 1160. Introduction to South Asian Studies. 4 Hours.
Takes a multidisciplinary approach in exploring the formation of contemporary South Asia, with a focus on Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Examines the history of the region, from dawn of the colonial era to present times, seeking to understand the roots of the region’s social, cultural, and political development.

ASNS 1990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 2245. The Asian-American Experience. 4 Hours.
Examines the impact of Asian immigrant communities on U.S. political, economic, social, and cultural life and their encounters with racial, political, and economic discrimination from the nineteenth century to the present.

ASNS 2990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 3422. Topics in Chinese Studies. 4 Hours.
Covers special topics in Chinese studies. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 3444. Topics in Japanese Studies. 4 Hours.
Covers special topics in Japanese studies. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 3490. Asian Studies Capstone Directed Study. 4 Hours.
Offers independent intensive reading and writing on key interdisciplinary issues in Asian studies under the direction of faculty members in Asian studies on a topic chosen in consultation with the instructor.

ASNS 4910. Issues in Modern and Contemporary Asia. 4 Hours.
Offers intensive reading and writing on key interdisciplinary issues in Asian studies, such as oceanic trade, empire, postcolonialism, civil-military relations, religion and politics, food security, human rights, economic and social justice, and environmental degradation.

ASNS 4920. Asian Studies Capstone Seminar. 4 Hours.
Offers advanced reading, research, and writing on a major topic of broad interdisciplinary significance in Asian studies, such as pan-Asianism; medicine and disease in Asia; Asian interactions with the West; orientalism, anticolonialism, and nationalism in modern Asia; gender transformations and women’s movements in Asia; modern thought in East and South Asia.

ASNS 4970. Junior/Senior Honors Project 1. 4 Hours.
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. Combined with Junior/Senior Project 2 or college-defined equivalent for 8-credit honors project. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4971. Junior/Senior Honors Project 2. 4 Hours.
Focuses on second semester of in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4990. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.
ASNS 4991. Research. 4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

ASNS 4992. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity for special readings and research in asian studies. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4993. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor.

ASNS 4995. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Offers eligible students an opportunity for practical experience. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4996. Experiential Education Directed Study. 4 Hours.
Draws upon the student's approved experiential activity and integrates it with study in the academic major. Restricted to those students who are using it to fulfill their experiential education requirement. May be repeated without limit.