



2026 - 2027 Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

39 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2.0 overall GPA • Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4) • First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6) 	

Courses	Prerequisites
Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):	
AAAS 100: Asian Eats (3)	
Complete ONE of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):	
A/ST 190: Introduction to Eastern Ways of Thinking (3)	
A/ST 200: Popular Culture in East Asia (3)	
ASAM 120: Asian American History (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation

Complete ONE of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):	
A/ST 306: Traditional Asia (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 311: Statistics and Asian Societies (3)	GE Foundations
ASAM 340: Asian American Family (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

Complete ONE of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):	
A/ST 307: Modern Asia (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 309: Asia and Globalization (3)	GE Foundations

Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):	
AAAS 492: Senior Research Seminar (3)	Upper Division Standing in Asian American Studies, Asian Studies, Chinese Studies, Japanese; or Consent

A/ST Concentration Courses - Complete 12 UNITS from ONE of the following concentrations with grades of "C" or better (12 units total):

Asia and Business	
A/ST 311: Statistics and Asian Societies (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 490: Selected Topics in Asian Studies (1 - 5)	
A/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
BLAW 320: Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
DESN 368: History and Theory of Design (3)	GE Foundations
ECON 300: Fundamentals of Economics (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ECON 310: Microeconomic Theory (3)	ECON 100 and 101; MATH 115 or 119A or 122; All with Grades of "C" or Better
ECON 311: Macroeconomic Theory (3)	ECON 100 and 101; MATH 115 or 119A or 122; All with Grades of "C" or Better
ECON 341: Global Labor Market Issues (3)	ECON 101 or 300
ECON 366: Introduction to Development Economics (3)	ECON 100 and 101, or 300; Upper Division Standing
ECON 372: International Economics (3)	GE Foundations; ECON 100 and 101, or 300; Upper Division Standing
ECON 470: International Trade (3)	ECON 310 with a Grade of "C" or Better
ECON 471: International Finance (3)	ECON 311; ECON 380 or MATH 380; All with Grades of "C" or Better
FIN 300: Business Finance (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
FIN 360: Capital Markets (3)	Appropriate Majors Only

Courses	Prerequisites
FIN 460: Management in Financial Institutions (3)	FIN 300 with a Grade of "C" or Better; Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
GEOG/GLST 319: International Development (3)	GE Foundations
GLST 350/ENGR 392: Water: People, Politics, and Processes (3)	GE Foundations
GLST 419: Applied International Development (3)	
HRM 360: Organizational Behavior (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
IB 300: International Business (3)	Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
I S 300: Management Information Systems (3)	I S 233; Appropriate Majors/Minors Only
I S 301: Communications for Business Professionals (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing; Appropriate Majors Only
I S 310: Business Statistics I (3)	I S 233; STAT 108 or 118 with a Grade of "C" or Better; Appropriate Majors Only
MGMT 300: Principles of Management and Operations (3)	Appropriate Majors Only
MKTG 300: Principles of Marketing (3)	
Asia and Globalization	
A/ST 311: Statistics and Asian Societies (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 315: Modern Korea (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 320: Asian Films: Culture and Identity (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST 336: Politics and Literature in Southeast Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST/CINE 428: Korean Cinema (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST/CINE 429: Japanese Cinema (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST/CINE 462: East Asian Cinemas (3)	Corequisite: GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST/CINE 463: Southeast Asian Cinemas (3)	Corequisite: GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST 490: Selected Topics in Asian Studies (1 - 5)	
A/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
ANTH 307: Modernization in Global Perspective (3)	
ASAM/AMST 325: Beauty Matters: Culture, Politics, Labor (3)	GE Foundations
ASAM/CHLS 335: Asian and Latino Immigration Since World War II (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
GLST/SOC 317: Problems in International Social Conflict (3)	
GLST/SOC 318: Cases in International Social Conflict (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
GLST 320: Migration and Modernity (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
GLST/GEOG 355: International Environmental Issues (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
GLST/POSC 463: Nationalism and National Identities (3)	
HCA 422: Global Issues in Health Services (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
HIST 412: Migration and Ethnicity in Modern China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
HIST 440: The Silk Roads (3)	HIST 111 or 131 or Consent of Advisor
JOUR 312: Global News Media (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
POSC 371: Introduction to International Politics (3)	
SOC 430: Sociology of Globalization (3)	GE Foundations; SOC 100
China and Japan	
A/ST 393: Japan: Continuities and Transformations (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST/CINE 429: Japanese Cinema (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST 490: Selected Topics in Asian Studies (1 - 5)	
A/ST 499: Directed Studies (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
ASAM 330: Japanese American Experience (3)	
CHIN 321: Chinese Calligraphy (3)	
CHIN 370: Chinese Literature in English Translation (3)	GE Foundations

Courses	Prerequisites
CHIN 380: Languages and Dialects in China (3)	CHIN 102 or Equivalent
CHIN 390: Topics in Chinese Cultural Studies (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 421: Current Affairs in China (3)	
CHIN 451: Chinese Culture and Tradition (3)	
CHIN 462: Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 490: Selected Topics in Chinese Studies (3)	
CWL 403: Selected Topics - Asian Literature (3)	
GEOG 315: East Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
HIST 382A: Imperial China (3)	
HIST 382B: Modern China (3)	
HIST 383B: Modern Japan (3)	
HIST 384: Pop Culture in Japan (3)	
HIST 388: Contemporary China (3)	
HIST/WGSS 406: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Asia (3)	Upper Division Standing
HIST 407: Japan and the United States in the 20th Century (3)	
HIST 412: Migration and Ethnicity in Modern China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JAPN 311: Advanced Spoken Japanese (3)	JAPN 202 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor
JAPN 312: Advanced Spoken Japanese (3)	JAPN 311 or Equivalent as Determined by Instructor
JAPN 350: Japanese Language, Culture, and Communication (3)	
POSC 362: Society and National Politics of China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
R/ST 341: Buddhism (3)	
R/ST 344: Religions of East Asia (3)	

Asian Language Requirement - Complete three semesters (or the equivalent) of a single Asian Language chosen from Chinese, Japanese, or an Asian language approved by the undergraduate advisor; with grades of "C" or better (12 units total):

Course 1:	
Course 2:	
Course 3:	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- See [online Catalog](#) for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**
- Students are encouraged to take their language courses early in their academic career and plan to study one or more semesters abroad in Asia to meet the Foreign Language requirement. Those with an Asian language competency may test out of this requirement.
- Since both statistics and economics are important for this major, students are encouraged to take ECON 101 or STAT 108 as part of their lower division GE requirements.

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