

# Asian Studies

IN THE CENTER FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC STUDIES  
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## General Information

No new students are being admitted to this program. For further information, contact the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

The Master of Arts degree in Asian studies is an interdisciplinary degree offered by designated faculty members in the Departments of Anthropology, Art, Business Administration, Classics and Humanities, Economics, Education, English and Comparative Literature, Geography, History, Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. It is administered by the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies through a graduate committee consisting of the director, the graduate adviser, and representatives from the several departments.

The program is designed to offer systematic advanced training (a) for those planning to enter educational, business, government, or community service involving Asian and Pacific studies; (b) for those in a specific academic discipline who have regional interest in Asian and Pacific studies and wish to promote more effective understanding of the cultures, societies, peoples, and social forces at work in the Asian and Pacific world; and (c) for those who plan to pursue further graduate study in Asian and Pacific studies beyond the Master of Arts degree.

## Admission to Graduate Study

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the university with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must present a Bachelor of Arts degree, as approved by the graduate committee of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. A student whose preparation is deemed inadequate by the graduate committee will be required to complete specific courses in addition to the minimum of 30 units required for the degree.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.calstate.edu/apply> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

## Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

### Graduate Admissions

Enrollment Services  
San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

1. Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all post-secondary institutions attended;
  - Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
  - Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.
2. GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org> SDSU institution code 4682);
3. English language score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org> SDSU institution code 4682).

## Center for Asian and Pacific Studies

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

### Center for Asian and Pacific Studies

(Attention: Graduate Adviser)  
San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182-6042

1. Letters of reference (minimum 3);
2. Personal statement;
3. Writing sample of recent academic work.

## Advancement to Candidacy

All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as described in Part Four of this bulletin. In addition, all students must demonstrate a reading knowledge, at least at the intermediate level, of a relevant foreign language approved by the graduate adviser of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

## Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

(Major Code: 03011) (SIMS Code: 111101)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the Master of Arts degree, as described in Part Four of this bulletin, the student must complete a minimum of 30 units from courses acceptable for master's degree programs, including Asian Studies 799A. The remaining 27 units to be selected, with departmental approval, from the list of approved courses in Part Five of this bulletin. In addition, any other Asian-content courses may be applied with approval of the graduate adviser.

The total program may not include more than 15 units in 500-level courses.

Only Plan A, requiring the thesis, is offered for the Master of Arts degree in Asian studies. A final oral examination on the general field of the thesis must be passed as a requirement for the degree.

All programs will be approved by the graduate committee of Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

## Courses Acceptable for Master's Degree Program in Asian Studies (ASIAN)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES

#### ASIAN 596. Selected Studies in Asian Cultures (3)

Topics on various aspects of Asian studies. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

<b>Anthropology Course (ANTH)</b>	<b>Units</b>
ANTH 582 Regional Anthropology*	3
<b>Economics Courses (ECON)</b>	
ECON 561 International Trade	3
ECON 592 International Monetary Theory and Policy	3
<b>Geography Courses (GEOG)</b>	
GEOG 554 World Cities: Comparative Approaches to Urbanization	3
GEOG 596 Advanced Topics in Geography*	1-3
<b>History Courses (HIST)</b>	
HIST 566 Ancient and Imperial China	3
HIST 567 China in Revolution	3
HIST 570 Modern Japan: From Samurai to Sony	3
HIST 596 Selected Studies in History*	1-4
<b>Philosophy Courses (PHIL)</b>	
PHIL 514 Philosophy of Art*	3
PHIL 516 Non-Western Aesthetics*	3
PHIL 565 Asian Philosophies	3
PHIL 575 A Major Philosopher*	3
<b>Political Science Course (POL S)</b>	
POL S 575 International Relations of the Pacific Rim	3
<b>Religious Studies Courses (REL S)</b>	
REL S 581 Major Theme*	3
REL S 583 Major Tradition*	3

\* Acceptable when of relevant content.

### GRADUATE COURSES

#### ASIAN 797. Research (1-3) Cr/NC/RP

Research in one of the aspects of Asia Pacific studies. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

#### ASIAN 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.

Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

#### ASIAN 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP.

Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Thesis 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

<b>Anthropology Course (ANTH)</b>	<b>Units</b>
ANTH 600 Seminar*	3
<b>Economics Course (ECON)</b>	
ECON 750 Seminar in History of Economic Thought*	3
<b>Finance Course (FIN)</b>	
FIN 654 Seminar in International Business Finance*	3
<b>Geography Courses (GEOG)</b>	
GEOG 701 Seminar in Development of Geographic Thought*	3
GEOG 740 Seminar in Human Geography*	3
<b>History Courses (HIST)</b>	
HIST 601 Seminar in Historical Methods	3
HIST 650 Directed Readings in Asian History	3
<b>Linguistics Course (LING)</b>	
LING 795 Seminar in Linguistics*	3
<b>Management Course (MGT)</b>	
MGT 723 Seminar in International Strategic Management*	3
<b>Marketing Course (MKTG)</b>	
MKTG 769 Seminar in International Marketing*	3
<b>Philosophy Course (PHIL)</b>	
PHIL 696 Seminar in Selected Topics*	3
<b>Political Science Courses (POL S)</b>	
POL S 655 Seminar in General Comparative Political Systems*	3
POL S 658 Seminar in Post-Communist Political Systems*	3
POL S 661 Seminar in the Political Systems of the Developing Nations*	3
POL S 675 Seminar in International Relations*	3

All 797 (Research) and 798 (Special Study) courses in named departments, when relevant, are also applicable upon approval by the graduate committee.

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