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The Asian Studies major faces multiple challenges. One is the recent addition of a Chinese major. This has resulted in close to half of the students leaving the major and moving to the more specific major. Most of the students in the Asian Studies program now have a focus on the Japanese language. Japanese only has a minor so students interested in that language often select this major. One of the suggestions is to consider the possibility of creating a Japanese major and ending the Asian Studies major.

A second challenge is that the faculty who support this major in the department are primarily focused on language specific programs. It is, therefore, more difficult to do full assessment or to do the work needed to make this major thrive. The faculty re beginning to have serious discussions about whether this major should continue or redesigned in a way that allows for greater faculty support.