

Asian Studies Mission Statement

The mission of the Asian Studies program is to provide students with an understanding of the languages, peoples, cultures, and institutions of Asia. Coursework is multidisciplinary, consisting of language classes, history, political science, geography, and a variety of other courses covering material relevant to Asia. Through the program, students obtain an understanding of the foundation and functioning of political, economic, and social institutions of Asia. They also gain proficiency in at least one Asian language and develop an understanding of similarities and differences among Asian nations with respect to ethnicity, history, culture, religion, and institutions.

It is highly recommended, but not required, that students spend at least one term of their education participating in a study abroad program. Living and studying in Asia provides students with a greater depth of knowledge and experience that cannot be gained in a classroom setting.