

# ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM OF STUDY

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The IDS Asian Studies pre-set POS provides an academic focus on a strategic region that is home to one-third of the world's population. Asia consists of diverse and rich cultural, religious, and intellectual traditions. Asia's dynamic economic and political institutions make it a major force today.

Asian Studies draws upon the expertise and courses relevant to Asia that are available at the College. It provides academic preparation for fields such as diplomatic service, education, missions, religious studies, business, international law, journalism, and history, as well as graduate school. In addition, Asian Studies encourages various summer programs to Asia and also the longer (one or two semesters) China Studies Program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

## Requirements

Along with specific requirements for any major, all students in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs must meet all general education (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/#text>) under a single catalog.

**Requirements for the Asian Studies POS** are 36 hours beyond all general education requirements from the following three categories:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>12</b>
RELI 212	World Religions:Asia	
PHIL 226	Asian Philosophy (formerly PHIL 316, which is longer offered)	
HIST 291	Introduction to Modern East Asia (formerly HIST 334)	
Select 4 credits of other approved courses <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 18 credits from such courses as the following: <sup>1</sup>		<b>18</b>
RELI 364	Islam	
HIST 362	Topics in Traditional Asian History	
HIST 363	Topics in Continuity and Change in Modern Asia	
IR 315	Politics of Global Development	
B EC 331	International Business	
ECON 366	International Economics	
<b>IDS Courses</b>		
IDS 291	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (only offered in fall)	2
IDS 494	Senior Seminar (offered only in spring)	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> See the IDS director for a list of approved courses in this category.