

Global Asian Studies, BA (Boston)

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Asian Studies offers undergraduates a broad liberal arts education in the histories, cultures, societies, politics, economies, and languages of Asia, Asian America, and the global Asian diaspora. Global Asian studies majors complete at least two years of an Asian language in addition to pursuing a rigorous course of study covering a number of disciplines. The core coursework provides foundational knowledge in the history, politics, and societies of East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and the Asian diaspora; the place of Asia and Asians within a globalizing world; and skills in research and analysis. Majors are also required to develop expertise in one of the following focus areas: history; society and politics; language, literature, and culture; or religious studies. Finally, students are required to complete academic study or a professional experience abroad.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Global Asian Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ASNS 1150	East Asian Studies	4
or HIST 1150	East Asian Studies	
HIST 1215	Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues	4
or HIST 2211	The World Since 1945	
Asia in Global Context		
Complete one of the following:		4
ASNS 2245	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
ASNS 3485	China: Governance and Foreign Policy	
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4410	Neoliberalism in Asia	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
ANTH 4520	Chinese Society and Culture	
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
SOCL 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
Capstone		
ASNS 4900	Asian Studies Capstone Directed Study	4
International Experience		
Complete a professional or academic experience abroad in consultation with your advisor.		

Global Asian Studies Elective Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
Complete six courses from the following focus areas (choose at least three courses from one focus area):		24
<i>History Focus Area</i>		
ARCH 2320	Modern Chinese Architecture	
ASNS 2245	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
HIST 1246	World War II in the Pacific	
HIST 1252	Japanese Literature and Culture	
HIST 1500	Modern China	
or CLTR 1500	Modern Chinese History and Culture	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
HIST 2308	Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China (Law, Justice, and Society in Modern China)	
HIST 2351	Modern Japan	
HIST 2360	History of Capitalism in East Asia (History of Capitalism in East Asia)	
HIST 3330	The Global Cold War	
<i>Society and Politics Focus Area</i>		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	
ANTH 4220	South Asian Diasporas	
or ASNS 4220	South Asian Diasporas	
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	
ANTH 4520	Chinese Society and Culture	
ARCH 2310	History of Chinese Architecture	
ARCH 2320	Modern Chinese Architecture	
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy	
INTB 2501	Competing to Win in Emerging Markets	
INTB 4983	Special Topics in International Business	
POLS 2290	Asian American Politics	
or ASNS 2290	Asian American Politics	
POLS 2378	Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States	
POLS 3482	East Asian Politics	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
SOCL 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas	
<i>Language, Literature, and Culture Focus Area</i>		
ASNS 3100	Asian American Cinemas	
JPNS 1260	Japanese Film	
JPNS 1700	Introduction to Japanese Pop Culture	
KORE 1800	Introduction to Korean Pop Culture	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures	
<i>Religious Studies Focus Area</i>		
PHIL 1130	Comparative Ethics	
PHIL 1133	Selling Spirituality	
PHIL 1275	Hinduism, Buddhism, and Beyond	
PHIL 1280	Islam: Rituals, Traditions, and Debates	
PHIL 1290	Chinese Philosophy and Religion	
PHIL 2395	Japanese Buddhism	

Global Asian Studies Foreign Language Requirement

Complete coursework in an Asian language (Japanese or Chinese) through at least intermediate-level two. *Note:* Completing this requirement satisfies the language requirement for the BA degree. Students may test out of this requirement at the discretion of the director of global Asian studies. Those credits must be fulfilled through the electives listed under the global Asian studies electives.

Global Asian Studies Major Credit Requirement

56 semester hours required in the major

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirements

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CLTR 1000		1 Global Asian studies elective 1		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111		4 Global Asian studies elective 2		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ASNS 1150		4 Elective		4			
HIST 1215		4 Elementary language 2		4			
Elementary language 1		4					
	17		16		8		8

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Global Asian studies elective 3		4 EESH 2000		1 Elective		4 Co-op	0
Elective		4 Asia in global context elective		4 Elective		4	
Elective		4 Elective		4			
Intermediate language 1		4 Elective		4			
		Intermediate language 2		4			
	16		17		8		0

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 Global Asian studies elective 4		4 Advanced Writing in the Discipline		4 Co-op	0
		Global Asian studies elective 5		4 Elective		4	
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
	0		16		8		0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 ASNS 4900	4
		Global Asian studies elective 6	4
		Elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 130