



Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

History (3400)



Certificate: History - Asian Studies (340001C)

The program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at The University of Akron offers interdisciplinary certificates in Asian Studies (including East, Southeast or South) or Middle Eastern Studies for undergraduates as well as graduate students. The structure of each certificate option provides students the flexibility and opportunity to count certain key courses toward their General Education requirements. Strategic languages of East Asia or the Middle East are required, and a wide range of courses in fields including History, Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Sociology and Business are offered.

The University of Akron recognizes the importance of a truly global education. Students who complete certificates will find that their courses of study provide them with in-depth training in a special area that may be particularly useful as they pursue careers in academia, law, public history, education, business and even medicine, where they will practice their profession abroad or use their international experience to expand their understandings of these regions as they work with topics on or populations from Asia and the Middle East. Certificates in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies can complement any major in the university and are also appropriate for non-degree students who might like to return to the university for mid-career training.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any of the undergraduate certificate tracks is required. The program strongly encourages study abroad, and will offer additional credits, to be applied toward the certificate, for certain courses that require overseas study in a country of the students focus (Asia, Middle East) or for other individual experiences abroad. Students will also need to take classes in more than two disciplines (i.e., History, Geography, Political Science). Special courses that are not in the permanent bulletin might be offered that may fill a requirement. Students will need to complete the equivalent of a fourth-semester-level language class (a South or East Asian language for the Asian Studies Certificate, or a modern South or East Asian language for a Middle Eastern language for the Middle Eastern Studies Certificate). Students will then complete 15 credits of approved electives for each track. Therefore, students must meet with the director to plan a course of study.

		Credits
Interdisciplinary Electives:		
3400:200	Empires of the Ancient World	3
3350:360	Asia	3
3370:141	Natural Environment of China	1
3370:455	Field Studies in Geology	1
3400:300	Imperial China	3

3400:285	World Civilizations: China	2
3400:286	World Civilizations: Japan	2
3400:287	World Civilizations: SE Asia	2
3400:288	World Civilizations: India	2
3400:301	Modern China	3
3400:303	Modern East Asia	3
3400:382	The Vietnam War	3
3400:401	Japan & Pacific War, 1895-1945	3
3400:400	Gender and Culture in China	3
3400:416	Modern India	3
3400:493	Sp St: North American History	3
3560:210	Japanese Culture through Film	2
7100:401	ST: History of Art	1
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Students must choose remaining credits of electives from History, Political Science or Geography. See director for more information. Courses with comparative content are encouraged.

Distribution Requirements

This curriculum guide is a recommended plan of study. Students with questions about requirements should contact an academic advisor.

Only one World Civ class will be counted toward the certificate credits unless the course involves travel abroad. World Civ classes do fulfill a Gen Ed requirement.

7100:401 ST: History of Art must be The Art of India, The Art of China, The Art of Korea and Japan and The Art of Buddhist Japan.

3300:389 ST: Literature & Language must be Literature and Language and Ethnic Women in Literature.

The following credit hour requirement applies to this certificate: 15 credits.

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