

Asian-Pacific Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

Minor

Asian-Pacific Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Asian-Pacific Studies Option

(for major requirements, refer to the Liberal Studies section in this catalog)

Program Description

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Program Description

The Asian-Pacific Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary minor in the study of Asian and Pacific Island cultures and a Liberal Studies option in Asian-Pacific issues and experiences.

The minor in Asian-Pacific Studies is designed for students seeking to either complement their studies of other civilizations and cultures, or to pursue graduate study, travel, foreign service, or international business. It is structured to provide an understanding of the social, political, and cultural patterns of Asia and the Pacific through courses in Asian and Pacific history, politics, art, literature, language and philosophy.

The Liberal Studies option is designed for future elementary teachers. The concentration in Asian-Pacific studies provides for the changing demographics of Southern California and the growing number of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the public schools. Courses in language, culture, values, and the arts prepare future teachers to work effectively and sensitively with Asian-Pacific children and their families.

Features

The University is located in a unique area at the nexus of the international ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Numerous corporations in Los Angeles and Orange counties represent the increasing importance of America's Asian-Pacific relations.

The California State University International Programs make available to students who would like to have firsthand knowledge of Asia an opportunity to study at Waseda University (Japan) and National Chengchi University (Republic of China/Taiwan). Advisors will help students plan their course of study to fulfill requirements for an Asian-Pacific Studies Program minor. Additionally, CSUDH has established formal partnerships with Jiangxi Normal University, Nanchang, China and Kon Kuk University, Seoul, South Korea.

Academic Advisement

Students may select an advisor from members of the Asian-Pacific Studies Program Committee or may ask the program office for assistance in selecting an advisor.

Students should see an advisor upon first entering CSU Dominguez Hills, at the beginning of their junior year and at the beginning of their senior year.

Career Opportunities

In a world that is increasingly dependent upon international cooperation and trade, career opportunities for those with a background in Asian-Pacific Studies are numerous and varied. Completion of the Liberal Studies concentration will prepare elementary teachers for employment in culturally and linguistically diverse schools.

Minor in Asian-Pacific Studies (15 units)

A. Lower Division Required Courses (6 units):

APP 101. Introduction to Asian-Pacific Studies (3); and
One course in an Asian-Pacific language subject to approval of the program coordinator (3)

B. Upper Division Requirements (9 units):

Select three courses from the following. At least two different departments must be represented:

APP 395. Special topics in Asian-Pacific Studies (3)
HIS 362. Traditional China (3)
HIS 363. Modern China (3)
HIS 364. Traditional Japan (3)
HIS 365. Modern Japan (3)
PHI 384. Asian Philosophy (3)
POL 341. Government and Politics of East Asia (3)

Course Offerings

The credit value for each course in semester units is indicated for each term by a number in parentheses following the title. Departments may indicate the term in which they expect to offer the course by the use of: "F" (fall), "S" (spring) or "EOY" (every other year).

Lower Division

APP 101 Introduction to Asian-Pacific Studies (3) FS.

Basic themes and key issues in Asia and the Pacific region. Multi-disciplinary survey of art, literature, philosophy, religion, politics, and society. Background to understanding tradition and change in the region, and introduction to the multicultural roots of Asian-Pacific Americans.

Upper Division

APP 301 Asian-Pacific Populations in Contemporary American Society (3).

Survey of Asian-Pacific populations in contemporary American society. Emphasizes emerging trends, demographics, cultural conflicts, and adjustments and identity problems of Asian-Pacific groups.

APP 321 Asian-Pacific Art, Music and Literature (3).

Examination of Asian-Pacific cultures and history through art, music, and written and oral literatures. Contributions of past and present artists and writers to the establishment of cultural identities.

APP 322 Values and Communication of Asian-Pacific Cultures (3).

Analysis of basic values and societal outlooks unique to various Asian-Pacific groups. Evaluation of verbal and nonverbal communication modes for cross-cultural understanding.

APP 395 Special Topics in Asian-Pacific Studies (3).

Prerequisite: Consent of program coordinator.

An intensive study of an issue, concept or theme in Asian-Pacific Studies. Repeatable for a maximum of six units for credit.

APP 490 Seminar: Asian-Pacific Issues (3).

Prerequisites: APP 301 and APP 321.

Capstone experience in Asian-Pacific concentration. In-depth study and project development of historical or current issues confronting Asian-Pacific populations. Three hours of seminar per week.

APP 494 Independent Study (1-3) FS.

Independent study of a particular topic in Asian/Pacific Studies, relating two or more disciplines, such as anthropology, art, education, history, languages, music, philosophy, politics, or sociology under the direction of an Asian/Pacific Studies Program faculty member. Repeatable course.

APP 495 Selected Topics (3) FS.

An intensive study of selected topics or issues in Asian-Pacific studies.