ASIAN STUDIES

A minor in Asian studies complements a liberal arts education by providing knowledge about the cultures and other aspects of a major part of the world. It also provides the basic background for additional studies of Asia in graduate school. Courses that may apply to the minor are offered by a variety of departments, but several classes are not scheduled each semester.

Academics

Select 18 hours from at least two departments:

- AHIS 398 Special Topics in Art History
- AHIS 490 / AHIS 890 Directed Individual Reading
- ANTH 366 Peoples and Cultures of East Asia
- ANTH 396 Advanced Readings
- ANTH 438 Archaeologies of Asia
- ANTH 496 Special Readings in Anthropology
- CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese I
- CHIN 102 Beginning Chinese II
- CHIN 201 Second-Year Chinese I
- CHIN 202 Second-Year Chinese II
- CHIN 303 Third Year Chinese
- CHIN 304 Advanced Conversation and Composition Chinese
- ENGL 349 National Cinemas
- ENGL 497 / ENGL 897 Independent Directed Reading
- GEOG 375 Geography of Asia
- GEOG 398 Special Topics in Geography
- GEOG 399 Independent Study in Geography
- GEOG 498 / GEOG 898 Advanced Special Problems
- HIST 181 / POLS 171 Introduction to East Asian Civilization
- HIST 189H University Honors Seminar
- HIST 198 Special Topics in History
- HIST 282 Modern East Asia
- HIST 298 Special Topics in History
- HIST 376 China Under the Manchus: Empire, Opium and Imperialism
- HIST 377 China in Revolution: From Sun Yat-sen to Chairman Mao
- HIST 381 History of Premodern Japan
- HIST 382 History of Modern Japan
- HIST 383 History of Premodern China
- HIST 396 Special Problems
- HIST 397 Special Topics in History
- HIST 480 / HIST 880 Issues in Modern Chinese History
- JAPN 101 Beginning Japanese I
- JAPN 102 Beginning Japanese II
- JAPN 201 Second-Year Japanese I
- JAPN 202 Intermediate Grammar and Reading I
- JAPN 203 Second-Year Japanese II
- JAPN 204 Intermediate Grammar and Reading II
- JAPN 301 Advanced Conversation and Composition I
- JAPN 302 Advanced Conversation and Composition II
- JAPN 303 Advanced Grammar and Reading I
- JAPN 304 Advanced Grammar and Reading II
- JAPN 307 Business Japanese I
- JAPN 308 Japanese II
- MUSC 398 Special Topics in Music
- NUTR 205 Asian Martial Culture
- POLS 398 Special Topics
- POLS 399 Individual Readings
- RELG 118 Introduction to Hinduism, Buddhism, and Daoism
- RELG 208 Introduction to Islam
- RELG 218 Buddhism
- RELG 230 Tibetan Buddhism
- RELG 318 Islam in the Modern World
- RELG 335 Buddhist Scriptures
- RELG 351 Death, Immortality, and Transcendence in Asian Religions
- RELG 355 Buddhist Thought
- RELG 398 Special Topics in Religious Studies
- RELG 399 Independent Study in Religious Studies

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

Experiences and Opportunities

Take advantage of our partnership with Japanese institutions (Nanzan University, Senshu University, and Sapporo University) and pay Nebraska tuition, fees, and housing costs while earning transfer credit for studying abroad. In China, Nebraska has exchange programs with Peking University, Xi’an Jiaotong University, and Chinese University of Hong Kong. Additional opportunities are available in Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Vietnam.
JEWISH STUDIES

Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary program housed in the Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies. This minor is for students of diverse disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in Jewish cultures and peoples, past and present; the ways in which Judaism and other religious traditions have influenced each other, Near Eastern and Middle Eastern history and politics; and/or the origins and effects of anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination. Language courses in Biblical Hebrew are available. You are eligible for several scholarships awarded by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies.

Experiences and Opportunities

Join the Hillel-Jewish student organization.

Attend the Klutznick-Harris Symposium, an annual international conference with the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at Creighton University in Omaha. Each year’s theme is different, attracting international scholars from a wide range of disciplines. Papers based on the conference presentations are gathered in an annual edited volume in the series “Studies in Jewish Civilization,” published by Purdue University Press.

Academics

CORE COURSES

Select three:

- JUDS / RELG 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 219 Introduction to Jewish History
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 333 Jews in the Modern World
- JUDS / HIST 339 The Holocaust
- JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism

ADDITIONAL RELATED COURSES

Select three:

- CLAS / HIST / RELG 409 Religion of Late Western Antiquity
- ENGL 341 The Bible as Literature
- HEBR 101 Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
- HEBR 102 Elementary Biblical Hebrew II
- HEBR 301 Biblical Hebrew Prose
- HEBR 302 Biblical Hebrew Poetry
- JUDS / MODL 177 The Holocaust in Literature and Film
- JUDS / RELG 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- JUDS / RELG 209 Judaism and Christianity in Conflict and Coexistence
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 217 Israel: The Holy Land
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 219 Introduction to Jewish History
- JUDS / ENGL 245J Jewish-American Literature
- JUDS / RELG 308 Dead Sea Scrolls
- JUDS / CLAS / RELG / HIST 331 Ancient Israel
- JUDS / RELG / HIST 332 Jews in the Middle Ages
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 333 Jews in the Modern World
- JUDS / RELG 334 Jews, Christians and the Bible
- JUDS / HIST 339 The Holocaust
- JUDS / RELG / WMNS 340 Women in the Biblical World
- JUDS / PHIL 345 Modern European Jewish Philosophy
- JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism
- JUDS 398 Special Topics in Judaic Studies
- JUDS / RELG 406 Second Temple Judaism
- JUDS / HIST 434 Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- JUDS / POLS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity
- JUDS / POLS 477 Israel and the Middle East
- MODL / ENGL 232 The Jewish Idea in Modern Literature
- PHIL 116 Philosophy and Religious Belief
- PHIL 223 Introduction to the Philosophy of History
- PHIL 265 Philosophy of Religion
- PHIL 332 Spinoza
- RELG 181 Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- RELG 206 Ways of Western Religion
- SOCI / ETHN 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
- SOCI 452 Sociology of Religion

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

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