Prospective students:

Who should apply?
If you say YES to any of the following:

1. Are you a major/minor in Asian Studies and/or Asian American Studies who would like to pursue a graduate degree in Asian and Asian American Studies?
2. Do you have an academic background in Art, Business, Education, Journalism, Health Professions, Engineering and other fields and would like to develop expert knowledge about Asia and Asian America?
3. Are you planning a career in Arts and Culture, Business, Advertising, Education, Journalism, Diplomacy, International Relations, Health Sciences and Industry in today’s globalized job market?
4. Are you a mid-career professional who would like to enhance your job prospects by building expert knowledge about Asia and Asian America?
5. Are you a teacher of ESL, EFL, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Spanish, French, Italian and other global languages who would like to seek relevant advanced professional training?

How to Apply

To ensure full consideration, applicants to the Contemporary Asian and Asian American Studies MA program should send all application materials by March 1st. After March 1st, applications will be considered at the Admission Committee’s discretion. A link to the online application can be found on our homepage: www.stonybrook.edu/aaas.

About Us

The Department of Asian and Asian American Studies is one of the few academic departments in the United States to include the study of Asia and Asian America as part of its mission. We are proud to be a part of a world-class public research university in the New York metropolitan area, only 50 miles east of New York City.

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MA in Contemporary Asian and Asian American Studies

The MA in Contemporary Asian and Asian American Studies is specially designed for students seeking to enhance their Bachelor's education with broad cross-cultural skills for work in Asia, or in Asian-related settings in the U.S. or abroad.

Academic Program:

The 30-credit curriculum of study includes 24-credits of course work and 6-credits of thesis/project work, over two semesters. More specifically:

1. A pro-seminar in research methods (3 credits)
2. One course in each of the five categories (15 credits):
   - Language and Cross-Cultural Communication
   - Religions and Philosophies of Asia
   - Culture and Heritage
   - Politics and Society
   - Contemporary Asian Diaspora
3. Two elective courses in any field of interest, chosen in consultation with and subject to approval of the Graduate Director (6 credits)
4. A thesis or final project (6 credits)

An optional Asian language track is provided for students with a strong interest in a particular Asian language. These students may take Asian language courses as their two elective courses for the MA Program.

Admission requirements:

Applicants for admission to the Master's program are expected to hold a Bachelor's degree (in any field). A strong background knowledge of a particular Asian language and/or history of a particular Asian country or region would be a plus, but is not a requirement. Applicants are required to submit the following materials:

- Undergraduate transcript
- Official report of GRE scores
- Statement of purpose (500-1000 words)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official report of TOEFL scores (for international students from non-English speaking countries)