

ASIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

An Asian studies program that focuses on the histories, cultures, and politics of the dynamic nation-states of East, Southeast and South Asia

The Asian studies major focuses on the histories, cultures, and politics of the dynamic nation-states of East, Southeast, and South Asia, while also exploring transnational interactions and global diasporas. In our Experiential Liberal Arts educational model, you will gain global academic and work experience that will enable you to explain and reflect upon intercultural differences. You will also learn to speak proficiently in an Asian language. The curriculum prepares you to pursue leadership roles in Asia in a variety of fields in government, business, education, and the non-profit sector.

Extensive resources in and out of the classroom

The Asian Studies program is an active center for the study of Asia, offering frequent lectures, workshops, and other events on a range of topics. More than thirty faculty are affiliated with the program, studying East, Southeast, and South Asia from across the disciplines.

There are a variety of student organizations on campus that provide opportunities to get directly involved in Northeastern's Asian and Asian-American communities.

Co-op Opportunities

Co-op provides opportunities to develop skills and experience by working in domestic and international NGOs, research and policy think tanks, educational organizations, and other organizations that have connections to Asian people, politics, and cultures. Past co-op placements include:

- Cambodian Center for Human Rights
- Asia Society Policy Institute
- Nuppun Institute for Economic Research
- Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, China Environment and Kissinger Institute
- National Committee on U.S.-China Relations
- Harpswell Foundation (Cambodia)
- Dandelion School (Beijing, China)
- People for Successful Corea Reunification (South Korea)
- Cambodian Center for Independent Media

Global Approach and Experience

Our curriculum requires that Asian studies majors spend time in Asia in an educationally and culturally meaningful setting which provides varied opportunities for global experience. This includes Northeastern's semester and year abroad programs, Dialogue of Civilizations programs, global co-ops, and other experiential education programs.



Featured Courses

- East Asian Studies
- Contemporary South Asia
- The Asian-American Experience
- East Asian Politics
- Topics in Chinese Studies
- Origins of Today: Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
- History of the Global Economy
- Politics of Developing Nations

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The co-op experience helped me because I had the opportunity to live in a Chinese mega-city for six months and work at an English school for adults. This helped me to get a good grasp on the Chinese language and witness firsthand how the economic boom and urbanization in China affects people that migrated from all over China to the city."

Theresa Jacobs '15, History and Asian studies Major

Julia Harvey '20

Asian Studies Major

History Minor



Julia's favorite class of the program was Law, Justice, and Society in China because it allowed her to see how law is expressed under a Communist regime.



Julia joined Student Advisory Council as an Asian Studies Program representative in Fall of 2017 and continued until she graduated in 2020.



Julia spent a summer as a research and translator at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. She then conducted a research project with Professor Philip Thai on scrap trade between China and America.

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N Northeastern College of Social Sciences and Humanities

As a leader in the Experiential Liberal Arts, Northeastern's College of Social Sciences and Humanities combines experiential learning with the rigorous study of culture, society, policy, and ethics. To explore the past and shape policies for a better tomorrow, we practice humanics: the integration of traditional liberal arts capacities with quantitative tools and new digital proficiencies. In fields ranging from English and economics to philosophy, criminology and public policy, we focus on the key issues of today: how to shape public spheres, how to build resilient and sustainable communities, and how to engage with cultures past and present.

N Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.