

SUNY NEW PALTZ  
**ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

**MAJOR**  
 Plan of study

**37 credits required**

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year in college (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduation target (year.month) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID # (Banner) \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Code: 503**  
 Curriculum: Liberal Arts  
 Major: Asian Studies Program

Asian Studies Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Name (**LAST**, first) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student e-mail (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Other Major? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minor? \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERVIEW**

Students completing the Asian Studies demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in an Asian Language, along with a balanced understanding of the social sciences and arts heritage of Asia. Within this plan of study, students gain geographic breadth by taking at least 3 credits in an area of Asia **beyond** China and Japan, and develop an understanding of "Asia" as a concept and area of study by completing a course with the Asian Studies Perspectives designation.

Students declaring the major in Asian Studies meet with Director of Asian Studies and submit a brief statement of intent (2 pp.). When applying to graduate, students reflect on their intellectual development by submitting an exit essay (2-4 pp), along with one or more examples of their best written work, to their advisor. Asian Studies majors must receive no less than a C- in any course applied to the plan of study.

**RESOURCES**

Students may strengthen their language skills through **Study Abroad**. Students interested in overseas programs through SUNY and other institutions are urged to visit the Center for International Programs early in the fall semester: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/international/>.

**The Friends of Asian Studies Endowment Scholarship** and the **India Academic Award** are available to support the study of Asia at SUNY New Paltz. Students interested in these scholarships are encouraged consult with their advisor in the fall semester, and submit applications to the Asian Studies Program office by the April deadline. Guidelines, application forms, and deadlines may be found in the New Paltz Foundation Scholarship Handbook, which can be downloaded from: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/foundation/scholarships.html>.

Combining the Asian Studies major with a **Minor** or **Double Major** in another field is highly encouraged. As a bridge between two areas of study, a limited number of credits may be applied toward both plans of study. Students should check with their advisors on the policy, and consult the webpage: [http://www.newpaltz.edu/advising/policies\\_majorminor.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/advising/policies_majorminor.html)

**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED**

Required	Credits (min/max) Required	Credits toward major	Note	Advisor approval & date
Statement of Intent	Submit to Director of Asian Studies, with Declaration of Major Form			
Language study	<b>16 minimum</b>	____ credits	List on Reverse	
Content courses	<b>21 minimum</b>	____ credits	List on Reverse	
Exit Essay	Submit to advisor, with Graduation Application			
Written work submitted†	Submit to advisor, with Graduation Application			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37 minimum</b>	____ credits		
<i>Total transfer credits</i>	<i>see note on reverse</i>	____ credits	<i>From Institution: _____</i>	
<i>Double majors</i>	<i># overlapping credits:</i>	____ credits	<i>See Note on Reverse</i>	
<i>Minors</i>	<i># overlapping credits:</i>	____ credits	<i>See Note on Reverse</i>	

† Written work submitted: Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ The student has completed the Asian Studies major

\_\_\_ The student will have completed the Asian Studies major **pending** successful completion of **\*courses asterisked on reverse\*** →

**When the completed Major Plan and Graduation Application have been approved by the advisor, the advisor sends the student's file to the Asian Studies Program office, JFT 922 for final approval**

Asian Studies Major Advisor Signature (also print: Name, Department) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Asian Studies Director (also print: Name, Department) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE -- 16 credits**

Course #	Course	Credits	Semester taken & grade	Semester planned	Transfer / study abroad credits?	Notes
TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED (minimum 16 required)						

**CONTENT COURSES -- 21 credits**

**Evenly balanced** between the Arts (ARTS) and Social Sciences (SOC), @ approx 9-12 credits. Among these 21 credits:

\_\_\_ At least 3 credits must be a course designated as **ASP** -- Asian Studies Perspectives

\_\_\_ At least 3 credits must be a course in an **AREA** of Asia **beyond** China or Japan (eg. India, Korea, South Asia, SE Asia)

Course #	Course	Credits	Semester taken & grade	Semester planned	Transfer / study abroad credits?	Requirements Fulfilled ARTS / SOC; ASP; AREA
TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED (minimum 21 required)						

**NOTES:**

**Prior Language Proficiency:** Students with a high degree of prior proficiency in an Asian language may be eligible for a waiver, and should consult with their advisor. Remaining credits must be fulfilled with other Asian Studies courses, to meet the total major requirements of 37 credits; at least 8 credits in an alternative Asian language are strongly recommended.

**Study Abroad / Transfers:** Credits from Transfer or Study Abroad courses may be applied toward the Asian Studies major; consult with your advisor on applicable credits. At least 19 credits toward the major must be completed at SUNY New Paltz. The college requires students to be in residence at SUNY New Paltz during the semester in which they plan to graduate.

**Minors / Double Majors:** At least half of the credits for a minor must not be contained within the program plan of the Asian Studies major. Double majors must show at minimum a 15-credit difference between the two Major Plans.