Asian Studies (AST)

AST 2380 The Peoples and Culture of Asia (3)
An introduction to contemporary Asian economy, politics, and society.
See ECO 4335 for course information.

AST 3305 Traditional China (3)
Cross-listed as HIS 3305
See HIS 3305 for course information.

AST 3307 Modern Japan (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Six semester hours of history or consent of instructor
An overview of the internal and external forces which have affected the development of Japanese history from ancient times to the twentieth century. Emphasis on political, economic, and cultural developments that have shaped modern Japan.

AST 3314 Politics and Problems of Developing Countries (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 3314
See PSC 3314 for course information.

AST 3315 Geography of East Asia (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing
Geographical analysis of physical, cultural, economic, and political factors in East Asia, including land and resource usage, population changes, and economic development.

AST 3345 World Religions (3)
Cross-listed as REL 3345
See REL 3345 for course information.

AST 3390 Special Studies and Projects (3)
Special studies and research projects in Asian studies; prior approval is required. With content changed, this course may be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours credit.

AST 3V80 Special Topics in Asian Studies (1-6)
A study of special topics relating to Asia. With content changed, this course may be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours credit.

AST 4305 Modern China (3)
Cross-listed as HIS 3304
Pre-requisite(s): Six semester hours of history or consent of instructor
An overview of cultural, economic, literary, political, social, and religious developments in China from the seventeenth century to the present. Emphasis on the late imperial state, revolution, and the multiple attempts to remake state and society.

AST 4306 Selected Works from Contemporary Chinese Literature (3)
Cross-listed as CHI 4305
Pre-requisite(s): CHI 3301 or consent of instructor
The study of selected thought-provoking and culturally significant literary works, including those of Wang Anyi, Mo Yan, and Yu Hua. Students will gain a deeper appreciation for the complexity and diversity of voices within Chinese literature while developing their critical thinking skills.

AST 4310 Societies and Cultures of East Asia (3)
Cross-listed as ANT 4310
See ANT 4310 for course information.

AST 4325 Asian International Relations (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 4325
See PSC 4325 for course information.

AST 4335 Asian Economic Development (3)
Cross-listed as ECO 4335, INB 4335
See ECO 4335 for course information.

AST 4338 Economic Systems of the World (3)
Cross-listed as ECO 4338, INB 4338
See ECO 4338 for course information.

AST 4340 East Asian Philosophy (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 4340
See PHI 4340 for course information.

AST 4346 Topics in Asian Religions (3)
Cross-listed as REL 4346
See REL 4346 for course information.

AST 4350 Seminar in Asian Studies (3)
An interdisciplinary seminar focusing on appropriate topics in the field of Asian studies. With content changed, this course may be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours.

AST 4362 Traditional Music and Culture in Asia (3)
Cross-listed as MUS 4362
See MUS 4362 for course information.

AST 4364 The Governments and Politics of the Asia-Pacific Region (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 4364
See PSC 4364 for course information.

AST 4366 East Asian Views of Art (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or consent of instructor
Through cultural, historical, and philosophical lenses, students will study the artistic expressions, aesthetics, and philosophies shaping East Asian art, from ancient China to contemporary Japan.

AST 4374 Governments and Politics of East Asia (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 4374
See PSC 4374 for course information.

AST 4376 Asian Literature in Translation (3)
Cross-listed as MFL 4376
Introduces major writers of Asia and their representative works. Course content varies. Readings may emphasize one national literature or survey the significant works in several literatures, stressing the genres and techniques specific to Asian cultures.

AST 4388 Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or consent of instructor
Contemporary China’s social, cultural, political and economic changes, transformations, challenges since 1978, through an interdisciplinary approach.

AST 4390 Reading Course in Political Science (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Senior standing and the consent of the chairperson of the department
A tutorial course designed for advanced study in political science.

AST 4V80 Contemporary Issues in Asian Studies (1-3)
Flexible credit options for the study of contemporary issues in Asian studies for upper-level and graduate students. With content changed, this course may be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours; a maximum of three hours may be earned for graduate credit.