

Asian Studies AY 2008-2009 Report

I. Overview

The academic year 2008-2008 was spent developing a full curriculum. All departments in CHSS that should be in the program are now participating. the inaugural year for the Asian Studies Program. (Curriculum changes will only go into effect officially Fall 2010 but we hope to advertise them right away.)

II. Detailed Descriptions

II. A. Advisory Board

The Asian Studies program was able to benefit from the advice of a number of faculty in CHSS who are scholars of and experts on this region. The advisory board currently includes:

Aditya Adarkar, Classics and General Humanities and director, Asian Studies
Sally McWilliams, English and director, Women's and Gender Studies
Fawzia Afzal-Khan, English
Ken Olenik, History
Elizabeth Wishnick, Political Science and Law
Neeraj Vedwan, Anthropology
Lise Vail, Philosophy and Religion
Longxing Wei, Linguistics
Yahui Olenik, Linguistics
Sangeeta Parashar (Sociology)

The board is called upon on a regular basis to guide the program, advise on strategy, publicize the program, and to review and develop descriptions, policies, reports, etc.

III. Plans for the Future

In the upcoming academic year, we hope to attract students to the minor through the full curriculum that is now available in the minor. This will serve to bring new students into the program, as well as recognize students who have studied the region in some depth. We also hope to develop more effective publicity and to draw more students into lectures and events.

Appendix One: New and Approved Curriculum

Additional elective courses in bold.

The Asian Studies minor will require a total of 18 credits. Those credits will be apportioned as follows: one required 200-level core course (3 credits) plus five electives from a list of approved electives (15 credits).

A. Required course

GNHU 217: Reading Asian Cultures (3 credits)

B. Electives: Choose five (5) courses from this list of electives. Elective courses must be selected from at least two different departments.

ANTH 130 Cultures of South Asia

ANTH 431 Development of Indian Character and Culture

ARHS 327 History of Oriental Art

CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese I

CHIN 102 Beginning Chinese II

CHIN 201 Intermediate Chinese I

CHIN 202 Intermediate Chinese II

ENLT 235 Contemporary Chinese Women's Literature

HIST 128 Premodern Japan: A History of Japan to the Meiji Restoration*

HIST 129 Modern Japan: A Hist. of Japan from the Meiji through the Showa*

HIST 131 Introduction to Indian Civilization*

HIST 132 Introduction to Chinese Civilization*

HIST 133 Modern Chinese Civilization*

HIST 223 Communist Revolution in China*

HIST 330 Chinese Social History Through Literature*

HIST 431 Development of Indian Character and Culture*

HIST 432 Development of Japanese Character and Culture*

JAPN 101 Beginning Japanese I

JAPN 102 Beginning Japanese II

JAPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I

JAPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II

PHIL 237 Asian Philosophy

POLS 206 Politics and Government of China and Japan

POLS 340 Government and Politics of India and South Asia

RELG 212 Asian Religions

RELG 213 Buddhism

RELG 214 Classical Texts of Asian Religions

RELG 215 Hinduism

RELG 217 Taoism

*** Students with a History major may include a maximum of two History courses in the Asian Studies minor.**

Courses that may be used for the minor when pertinent to Asian Studies; courses may only be used with permission from the Coordinator of the Minor

ANTH 140 Non-western Contributions to the Western World

ANTH 414 Selected Issues in Anthropology

ARHS 220 Art in Non-Western Societies

ENLT 250 Special Topic: Comparative Literature

ENLT 316 African, Asian, and Caribbean Lit in English

ENLT 492 Seminar: Comparative Literature

GNHU 320 Select Topics Interdisciplinary Humanities

GNHU 470 Seminar in Classical Humanities

POLS 416 Selected Topics in Political Science

RELG 350 Selected Study in World Religions

RELG 460 Seminar in World Religions

SOCI 220 Sociology of Rich and Poor Nations

WMGS 302 Selected Topics: Women's and Gender Studies