

Asian Studies, Undergraduate Certificate

Certificate in Asian Studies

Interested students majoring in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or East Asian Languages & Cultures may also pursue an interdisciplinary certificate in Asian Studies. A minimum of six semester courses is required, including the study of more than one Asian society or national group. Students should consult the Director of Asian Studies, SFS, for additional information.

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The certificate in Asian Studies requires 6 courses (18 credits), a senior thesis, plus language study or equivalent. Candidates for the certificate should achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in the six courses. Coursework should reflect a diverse study of Asia.

Language candidates for the Asian Studies certificate must demonstrate facility in a language indigenous to Asia in one of the following ways:

- Complete two years (four semesters) of university language coursework with an average of B or better; or
- Pass the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics placement examination at the level of second year or above; or
- Pass the School of Foreign Service Oral Proficiency Exam.

Coursework 6 courses are required:

- Three courses from at least three different disciplines (government, history, sociology, anthropology, economics, political economy, theology and religious studies, humanities, culture)
- One required seminar capstone course: ASST 4960 Senior Seminar on Asia.
- Two electives (in any discipline except acquisition-level language)

Thesis candidates must complete a thesis requirement:

- Candidates are required to take the Senior Seminar on Asia (ASST 4960) during the fall semester of their senior year. Candidates will prepare their thesis in this course.
- Candidates must receive a B+ or better on their thesis to earn the certificate.

For more information, see the Asian Studies (<https://asianstudies.georgetown.edu/>) website.