

2012 Specialisation – Asian Studies

WHY ASIAN STUDIES?

The Commonwealth Government is currently moving to raise "Asia Literacy" in Australia and Asian Studies graduates are going to be in demand as teachers and in many other areas as we consolidate our links with the region. In the present regional and global context we need to be able to understand Asia in overview as well as "up-close." To ensure that you develop an integrated understanding of the region the Asian Studies specialisation has been designed to provide you with a variety of perspectives. You will have the opportunity to experience broad thematic surveys that cover a range of traditions or societies (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Vietnam etc), and you will also complete subjects that invite a more in-depth understanding of particular cultures. Asian Studies lecturers are all involved in research in the region, giving you a close feel for each topic, whether it has to do with a contemporary culture or a historical era.

You don't need to do an Asian language. We encourage interest in studying languages (Vietnamese here, check for other options available through Melbourne University), but you won't need an Asian language to do the Asian Studies specialisation at VU. Each unit of the Asian Studies specialisation has a background discipline such as history, gender studies, politics, cultural studies, sociology or anthropology. So you will not only be learning about Asia, but will find that the Asian experience allows you to learn about and reflect on the foundations of each academic discipline. Your encounter with Asian Studies at VU will result in a better understanding of the region and its complexities, and will also allow you to develop an appreciation of the importance of academic inquiry and its contribution to a wider appreciation of humanity.

Guidelines for students who commence their course from 2010

To complete this specialisation, students are required to complete SIX (6) units of study from the list below, including the two first-year units ASI1001 and ASI1002 (listed in bold).

Guidelines for students who commenced their course prior to 2010

To complete this specialisation (formerly known as major), students are required to complete EIGHT (8) units of study from the list below, including the two first-year units ASI1001 and ASI1002 or the units they replaced - AAA1003 Australia in Asia and AAA1007 Asia: Anthropological Issues.

All students should consult their course structure to determine if specific units from the 'Other Specialisation' list should be undertaken to satisfy the requirements of their degree. Students can only enrol in ASX3500 once so it can only be selected in one specialisation.

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Year Level	Unit Code	Unit Title	Prerequisites	Campus	Unit Coordinator
Semester 1					
1	ASI1001	Sources of Asian Traditions	Nil	F	Mark Stevenson
2/3	AAA2011	Cultural History of Tibet	Nil	F	Mark Stevenson
2/3	AAA2014	Many Vietnams: War, Culture and Memory	Nil	F	Tuan Nguyen/Adrian Threlfall
2/3	AAP2004	Southeast Asian Politics	1st Year Politics or consult Politics coordinator	F	Max Lane
Semester 2					
1	ASI1002	Sources of Asian Modernities	Nil	F	Ian Bell
2/3	AAA2007	Gender and Sexuality: Asian Perspectives	Nil	F	Maureen Doolan
2/3	AAA2005	Colonialism, Nationalism and Revolution In SE Asia	Nil	F	Richard Chauvel
2/3	AAP2012	Culture and Politics in Indonesia	1st Year Politics or consult Politics coordinator	F	Max Lane
2/3	ASX3500	International Interdisciplinary Project	Nil	F, S	Julie Stephens
The following units are part of this specialisation but will NOT BE available in 2012					
2/3	ASS2001	Issues in Contemporary Asia	Nil	F	
2/3	ASI3001	Film, Art and Performance in Asia	Nil	F	

Campus Codes: F = Footscray Park, S = St Albans

All units are offered subject to sufficient numbers and may be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments.

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