



ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
AT SUNY NEW PALTZ



WHAT IS ASIAN STUDIES?



- An interdisciplinary program in which students will learn a variety of perspectives and disciplines to understand Asia.
- Asian Studies SUNY New Paltz is one of the five SUNY schools (other schools are SUNY Albany, Stony Brook, Binghamton, and Buffalo) that offer majors in Asian Studies.
- The program consists of language and content courses
 - Minor: 18 credits (8 language credits [JPN/CHI 101, 102] and 10 content credits)
 - Major: 35 credits (8 language credits [JPN/CHI 201, 202], 26 content credits), 1 capstone credit.

Joe Drake ('19) and Prof. Nathen Clerici
Joe is now working in Tokyo, Japan as JET program fellow

WHY ASIAN STUDIES?

(1) GOOD FOR YOUR CAREER DESIGN



- Asian countries play key roles in International politics, economy, and art in the 21st century. Finishing Asian Studies major or minor would make you more marketable.
- Because of the flexible nature of the program, many Asian Studies students were able to finish another major and minors.
- Many Asian Studies students develop their language proficiency and career opportunities by doing study abroad in Asia.
- We have a strong alumni network. Asian Studies majors can apply for a special scholarship created by the alumni of the Asian Studies to support your study.

Jeremy Luna ('20 Asian Studies and International Relations Double Majors)

He did summer internship at Sumitomo Electric in Tokyo after finishing his study abroad in Japan.

WHY ASIAN STUDIES? (2) FUN!



Mid-autumn festival, Fall 2019

- Since we are not a large program (about 35 major students), students and faculty know each other.
- We organize many cultural events. You are always welcome to join and organize them.
- If you are interested in learning Japanese or Chinese by living with native language speakers, join the [East-West Living and Learning Community](#) (EWLLC, ASN 100). You will learn the languages and also enjoy organizing the mid-autumn and the lunar new year festivals

NEW MINOR: ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES (15 CREDITS)

- At least four courses on the Asian American literature, culture, history, and society from at least two different disciplines. The four courses should include either ASN 300 or GEO 318. Students may take an intermediate-level Japanese or Chinese course (JPN/CHI 201 or 202) as one of the four elective courses.
- List of elective courses
 - JPN 201/202 Intermediate Japanese (Clerici)
 - CHI 201/202 Intermediate Chinese (Lu)
 - ASN 300 Asian Americans (Clerici) *
 - DMJ 310 Media and Diversity (Kim)
 - ENG 493 Asian American Graphic Novels (Fenkl and others)
 - GEO 318 Place, Identity & Belonging in Asian America (Rock) *
 - HIS 302 American Immigration (Bernstein)
 - HIS 382 American Nationalism (Scott-Childress)
 - SOC 381 Immigration and Identity (Bose)
 - SOC 315 Race and Ethnicity (Roschelle)
 - SOC 362 Race, Class, and Gender (Roschelle)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ASIAN STUDIES

- College Website, Asian Studies (<https://www.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/>)
- Asian Studies Hawksite (<https://hawksites.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/>)
- Akira Shimada (shimadaa@newpaltz.edu)