Asian Studies Minor

The Asian Studies minor is designed to give students a broad, multi-disciplinary background in the society, politics, history and culture of Asian countries. Students may undertake this minor without having studied either of the two Asian languages offered at Spelman, Chinese and Japanese, but we strongly suggest the completion of two years of language study in one of them. Minor classes must be in at least two different departments, must cover at least two different Asian countries, and must have a mix of 200, 300 and 400-level classes.

Upon Completion of the minor, students will be able to do the following:
- Analyze the Asian region in terms of its historical, cultural and social connections and continuities
- Identify Asia’s role in the making of the modern world
- Compare and contrast the similarities and differences among major Asian countries
- Examine and explain the contemporary issues of economy, society and polity that face the major Asian countries

To fulfill the Asian Studies minor, students must complete six classes for a total of 24 credit hours, including the required course Introduction to Asian Studies plus five classes selected from the list below. All course must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.

- AS200 Introduction to Asian Studies (required)
  A survey course that introduces the Asian region through a focus on three countries. Conceptual and theoretical underpinnings and substantive problems/prospects facing the region and each country are discussed. A historical, social and political lens is adopted in examining the three countries. (Crosslisted with the Political Science Department (PSC200).
- *ECON 350 Japanese Economic Development
- *ENG 424 Immigrant Women’s Literature
- *ENG 433 Postcolonial Literature
- HIS 343A Modern Japan History
- HIS 241 Survey of Traditional China and Japan
- HIS 242 Survey of Modern China and Japan
- HIS 343 Modern Chinese History
- HIS 344 Women in Modern China
- HIS 345 Asian Thought
- HIS 441 History of Vietnam
- HIS 442 Mao Zedong Thought in Africa
- HIS 345 Islam in Imperial China
- PSC 342 Japan in Asia
- PSC 210 International Politics and Film
- SOC 360 Women in Japanese Society
- SOC 260 Japanese Society
- *PHI 375 Taoism: Chinese Philosophy
- REL 270 Intro to Eastern Religious Traditions
- REL 217 Intro to Bhagavad Gita
- Chinese 345 Understanding Modern China
- Chinese language courses at the 300-level or above

* Courses have prerequisites.