Undergraduate Degree Program

Asian Studies - BA

Mission Statement
The Asian Studies B.A. enhances the mission of Florida International University to achieve excellence in diverse aspects of its international studies programming. The B.A. in Asian Studies is designed for students who possess a desire for intellectual growth that focuses on their interest in Asia. It serves the urban population of Miami, which seeks employment opportunities and economic advancement through cultural and commercial connections with Asia. The study of this increasingly important world region, with an emphasis on China, Japan and India and the Near East, provides a multidisciplinary approach covering the languages and culture, philosophy and religion, arts and literature of Asia, as well as issues in history, politics, geography, sociology/anthropology, international relations, education and business. The degree provides students with a foundation in the traditional cultures and modern socio-economic societies of Asia and its dynamics in the global environment. The Institute for Asian Studies provides instruction, advising, and experiential opportunities for students in an environment promoting scholarship, critical thinking, free inquiry, and clear and candid communication.

Student Learning Outcomes
FIU Asian Studies - BA graduates should be able to achieve the following:

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<th>Content/Discipline Knowledge Skills</th>
<th>Direct Measures</th>
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<td>B.A. graduates will demonstrate familiarity with the culture or the international political economy of one or more Asian sociolinguistic regions or countries, depth in the understanding of the relation of social and cultural traditions or the international political economy of one or more Asian sociolinguistic regions or countries to contemporary phenomena, proficiency with the appropriate technology required to conduct and present research, and identify strategies to conduct inquiries on Asian studies.</td>
<td><strong>Procedure:</strong> (Analytical) A three-member faculty panel will use the analytical rubric describing 4 indicators of subject knowledge (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the research paper required in the capstone course.</td>
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<td><strong>Sampling:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Minimum Criteria for Success:</strong></td>
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At least 75% of assessed students will attain an average minimum score of 12 on the relevant rubric for each subject.

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<th>Technology Integration:</th>
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<td>B.A. graduates will demonstrate effective use of technological skills by using PowerPoint for class presentations.</td>
<td>A three member faculty panel will use the attached rubric describing 4 indicators of technological skills (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the PowerPoint presentation required in the capstone course. These will include: • Organization • Argumentation • Research Depth • Diversity of Source A mean score for each student will be obtained from the faculty ratings.</td>
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| Graduating Asian Studies BA and second major students in a capstone course, ASN 4510 or ASN 4390, will be assessed each semester. |

| Minimum Criteria for Success: |
| Graduates will attain an average minimum of 12 points on the oral communication rubric. |

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<th>Critical Thinking Skills</th>
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A three member faculty panel will use the attached rubric describing 4 indicators of critical thinking (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the research paper required in the capstone course. These indicators include:
- Identifies & summarizes the problem/question
- Analyze and examine ideas and research
- Identifies and presents organizational context
- Demonstrates analytical ability appropriate for deciding among competing alternative solutions
A mean score for each student will be obtained from the faculty ratings.

**Sampling:**
Graduating Asian Studies BA and second major students in a capstone course, ASN 4510 or ASN 4390, will be assessed each semester.

**Minimum Criteria for Success:**
Assessed students will attain an average minimum score of 12 on critical thinking.

### Communication Skills

B.A. graduates will demonstrate effective oral communication skills through their subject knowledge of Asian Studies, organization of ideas, adequate connection to an audience, and efficient delivery.

### Direct Measures

**Procedure:**
Procedure: A three member faculty panel will use the attached rubric describing 4 indicators of critical thinking (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the research paper required in the capstone course.

**Sampling:**
Graduating Asian Studies BA and second major students will be assessed in the capstone course ASN 4510 or ASN 4390 each semester.

**Minimum Criteria for Success:**
Assessed students will attain an average minimum score of 12 on critical thinking.
B.A. graduates will demonstrate conversational proficiency in an Asian language through an oral component.

**Procedure:**
A three member faculty panel will use the attached rubric describing 4 indicators of oral communication skills (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the oral presentation required in the capstone course. A mean score for each student will be obtained from the faculty ratings. Graduates will attain an average minimum of 12 points on the oral communication rubric. These will include:
- Subject knowledge
- Organization
- Connection to audience
- Delivery

**Sampling:**
Asian Studies graduates in the final semester of their second year of language study.

**Minimum Criteria for Success:**
Graduates are expected to score at least 75%.

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B.A. graduates will demonstrate effective written communication skills in Asian Studies by explaining content and developing ideas, effectively organizing information, demonstrating a command of the written language, and using the conventions of language and documentation appropriately.

**Procedure:**
A three member faculty panel will use the attached rubric describing 4 indicators of written communication skills (5 point rating scale; 20 point maximum) to assess the research paper required in the capstone course.

**Sampling:**
Graduating Asian Studies BA and second major students will be assessed in the capstone course ASN 4510 or ASN 4390 each semester.

**Minimum Criteria for Success:**
Graduates are expected to score at least 75%.