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## FIU ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

### M.A. IN ASIAN STUDIES

The **Asian Studies M.A.** requires **30 graduate credits**. The is an interdisciplinary program that draws on faculty from the Steven J Green School of International and Public Affairs and professional schools at FIU. The courses are coordinated by Asian Studies, which also sponsors workshops, lectures, cultural events, and study abroad programs. The M.A. program provides students with a rich learning experience about a fascinating and increasingly important region of the world, and is intended to enhance the student's competitiveness upon graduation. The program provides a multidisciplinary approach covering the philosophy, religion, art history, language and literature of Asia as well as issues in history, politics, geography, sociology/anthropology, and international relations. It requires **9 credits in Core Courses, 15 credits in Other Coursework**, and one of two graduate **Exit Options**: (I) **ASN 6972 Thesis (6 credits)** that require important FIU Graduate School forms, thesis guidelines, and deadlines; or (II) **ASN 6912 Master's Essay in Asian Studies (3 credits)** with **additional graduate-level Asia-Specific Course (3 credits)**, totaling 6 credits (see below).

**Admission Requirements** - Applications to the Master of Arts in Asian Studies Program must be made through the FIU University Graduate School (UGS) online portal. Contact [asian@fiu.edu](mailto:asian@fiu.edu) for more information.

**Below, you will find a worksheet that will help you evaluate your course progress:**

Core Courses* (9 credits)	Term/Grade
3 credits	
3 credits	
3 credits	

\* Choose three courses from the list provided on the catalog: ASN 5315 Topics in Modern Asia; ASN 5050 Methods in Asian Studies; ASN 5815 Studies of East Asian Texts; SYD 6901 Cities in Asia; ASN 5213 Asian Studies Colloquium; ASN 5910 Independent Research in Asian Studies; ASN 6930 Seminar in Asian Studies; ASN 6940 Internship in Asian Studies. Note: ASN 5910 Independent Research, ASN 6940 Internship, and ASN 5213 Colloquium can be taken again for credit as a repeat course to count for the other coursework. See complete list of courses on the catalog or our website [FIU Asian Studies Program](#).

Other Coursework* (15 credits)	Term/Grade
3 credits	
3 credits	
3 credits	

\* Students must complete 15 credits of coursework relevant to their research topic. Students may receive credit through independent study, study abroad, or internship approved by the Program Director. An additional research methods course in a discipline related to the student's primary area of study may be taken as an elective, such as HIS 6059 Historical Methods, INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations, POS 5706 Research Methodology, RLG 6013 Modern Analysis of Religion, RLG 6935 Seminar in Sacred Texts, SYA 6305 Research Methods I, or equivalent. See complete list of courses on the catalog or our website [FIU Asian Studies Program](#).

**Important Note about Program Options:** At mid-course in the program (15 credits) the student must meet with the Program Director or Graduate Director who will determine whether the student is recommended for the thesis option or the non-thesis option.

**Graduate coursework in Asian Studies, Art & Art History, Economics, History, Political Science & International Relations, Music, Religious Studies, and Global & Sociocultural Studies, and other interdisciplinary courses.** Please review the catalog and our website for a list of available course offerings. Contact an advisor in Asian Studies to inquire about alternative courses, approved by the Program Director.

Review catalog regarding the **Combined M.A./Ph.D. Degree Pathways**: To be considered for admission to the combined M.A./Ph.D. pathway, students must meet the minimum requirements and admissions criteria for both the M.A. and Ph.D. degree program to which they are applying. Contact an advisor for details. Options available: M.A. in Asian Studies with either a Ph.D. in Global and Sociocultural Studies, International Relations, or History.

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Students must choose **one** of the following **Exit Options (Thesis/Master's Essay)**:

[I] Master's Thesis Option* (6 credits)	Term/Grade
3 credits   <b>ASN 6972 Thesis</b>	
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\* Please visit the FIU Graduate School website for up-to-date information on Thesis guidelines and deadlines: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/thesis-dissertation/> - It is the student's responsibility to check with UGS regarding the required forms to ensure a timely submission of each milestone.

**Language Requirements for Master's Thesis Option** - Note the following language requirements:

Students choosing the **Master's Thesis Option** will be asked to demonstrate competence in an Asian language relevant to their thesis project when appropriate (e.g., for pre-modern studies or fieldwork research). Proficiency requirements will be determined by the thesis committee.

**Advising Questions? | Contact [asian@fiu.edu](mailto:asian@fiu.edu) to schedule an appointment with an advisor.**

[II] Non-Thesis Option: Master's Essay* (6 credits)	Term/Grade
3 credits   <b>ASN 6912 Master's Essay in Asian Studies</b>	
3 credits   <b>Additional Graduate-level Asia-Specific Course</b>	

\* ASN 6912 Master's Essay in Asian Studies can be taken multiple times. Some students may be encouraged to develop their research projects by taking this course. Please visit the Asian Studies website for up-to-date information on guidelines and deadlines for the Master's Essay: <https://asian.fiu.edu>.

Visit our website [asian.fiu.edu](http://asian.fiu.edu) for more information. **Important Note about Program Options:** At mid-course in the program (15 credits) the student must meet with the Program Director or Graduate Director who will determine whether the student is recommended for the thesis option or the non-thesis option. A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses (C- is not acceptable).