Master of Arts in Asian Studies

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A special T.A. position for Chinese Studies is available!

The Master of Arts in Asian Studies (MAAS) at FIU is a growing interdisciplinary program in the prestigious Green School of International and Public Affairs drawing on excellent faculty resources in various departments, including Art History, Environmental Studies, Global and Sociocultural Studies, History, Modern Languages, Politics and International Relations, Religious Studies, and more.

- Online courses are available in several areas of concentration
- Joint MA/PhD programs with International Relations, History, Sociology
- Asian language classes can be taken for graduate credit
- Both Exit Options are 30 Credits: Thesis or Master's Essay

Thematic Areas of Study
Political Economy of China and Japan
Chinese and Japanese Society and Culture
Politics of East Asia
Asia and World Affairs
Asian Religious Traditions
Asian Arts and Literature

Resources at Florida International University in South Florida
Annual Conferences
Ongoing Lectures
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Other Top International Programs
Excellent Advising and Outreach
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Asian Museum Collections
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Asian Studies
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ASIAN STUDIES-RELATED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
A recent survey of Alumni of FIU’s interdisciplinary Asian Studies MA program has yielded the following results; we have placed our former students in these types of goals in business, education, government, museums, professions, translations, and more:

### Business Management and Sales
Understanding commercial and cultural exchanges with Asia opens doors for business opportunities here and abroad.

### Doctoral Studies
An Asian Studies MA is a stepping-stone for PhD-level research in history and culture, literature and linguistics, religion and sociology, or world affairs and political science.

### Professional Degrees
The Asian Studies MA can lead to further advanced learning in gaining an MBA or a Law degree with an international focus.

### Environmental Consultant
An alumni who came to us with an engineering degree said that adding Chinese language and culture to her portfolio was a boon for her career involved with environmental issues.

### English Teaching in Asia
Studying Asian languages while gaining study abroad experience can lead to opportunities for teaching English as a second language in China, Japan, or S. Korea.

### Teaching Careers
Our former students are teaching classes at various K-12 schools or at colleges and universities.

### Government and NGO Positions
Asian Studies provides a significant background for working in departments of the arts, defense education, humanities, and state, in addition to non-profit and foreign relations agencies.

### Higher Education Administration
Exposure to the diversity of Eastern societies prepares one for supervisory and policy positions in a multicultural educational environment.

### University International Programs
With substantial foreign experience, working to create global linkages at the university level is a strong possibility.

### Translation and Communications
Companies are always on the lookout for employees with strong language proficiencies or bilingual skills in addition to IT capabilities.

### Museum Curator or Educator
Many of our graduates have secured positions at various archives and museums, including the prestigious Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens located in South Florida.

### Trade and Tourism
Knowledge of Asian social behavior and geography is a highly valued and useful expertise.