



Master's Degree Requirements

Students pursuing an MA in Asian studies must complete 48 credits of graduate study, including at least 44 in Asia-related courses. Graduate credit for language study may only be earned for work beyond the third-year level.

600-level courses

The Graduate School requires that at least 9 credits in courses numbered 600-699 must be taken in residence.

Graded courses

Twenty-four of the total credits required must be University of Oregon graded (i.e., NOT Pass/No Pass) credits. A minimum of 36 credits of course work and a minimum of 9 credits of Thesis (503) is required. Credit for thesis is given pass/no pass. In your final term, you must register for at least 3 credits, at least 1 of which must be in 503 Thesis.

Continuous Enrollment/On-Leave Status

Master's students are expected to maintain continuous enrollment for a minimum of 3 credits each term until all degree requirements have been completed, unless on-leave status has been approved.

Minimum Grade Point Average

Graduate students must maintain at least a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) in all graduate courses taken with graded option.

Seven-Year Program Limit

All requirements for the master's degree must be completed within a seven-year time period.

Human Subjects Research

All graduate students using human or animal subjects in their research for a thesis, project or dissertation must obtain permission (and a protocol number) from either the Office for Protection of Human Subjects (<http://humansubjects.uoregon.edu/index.cfm?action=irb>) before beginning data collection.

Area Studies Track

1. Of the 44 credits, at least 12 must be earned in seminars or colloquia, including Perspectives on Asian Studies (ASIA 611) and Issues in Asian Studies (ASIA 612), which should be taken during the first year of study

2. To ensure interdisciplinary breadth, students must complete at least two courses in each of the following areas:

- a. Humanities—courses in architecture, art history, literature, music, religious studies
- b. Social science—courses in anthropology, economics, geography, international studies, political science
- c. History

3. To ensure a cross-regional awareness, at least 8 credits of the 44 must be in courses about a culture or civilization other than the student's primary language and civilization focus

4. At least 9 of the 44 credits are earned in Thesis (ASIA 503). In unusual circumstances, students may petition the program committee to waive the thesis requirement for the degree. If the waiver is granted, the student is expected to complete 56 graduate course credits (of which at least 44 are Asia related), submit two substantial research papers on Asian topics developed in seminars or colloquia, and pass an examination addressing general Asian studies topics. The thesis and research papers are to include a minimum of two non-English sources appropriate to the region to demonstrate language proficiency

Disciplinary Track

1. Of the 44 credits, at least 16 must be earned within the primary region of focus, drawn from two or more departments
2. A minimum of 12 credits must be earned within the primary discipline. At least one of the courses must be a theory or methods course chosen in consultation with an advisor or the program director
3. 8 credits in a region other than the primary focus. Perspectives on Asian Studies (ASIA 611) and Issues in Asian Studies (ASIA 612) may be counted toward this cross-regional focus
4. At least 9 of the 44 credits are earned in Thesis (ASIA 503)

Academic courses are to be mutually agreed upon by an academic advisor and the program director. A list of Asia-related courses, many of which are approved for inclusion in the Asian studies graduate curriculum is available by looking at the current Asian Studies class schedule online: <http://classes.uoregon.edu>. For questions about specific courses, it is best to check with the program director and your advisor. However, here are some basic guidelines: any graduate-level course (usually 500-600 level) listed under the Asian Studies class schedule, with "Asia" or an Asian country in the title may normally count for the Asian Studies graduate program, together with advanced language courses. However, elementary language courses (1-300 level) do not count.

Students should also review the Graduate School's regulations for information on the university's general master of arts degree requirements.