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# Interdisciplinary Departments, Programs and Cross-Disciplinary Concentrations

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## UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION

In addition to major programs in the conventional disciplines, Harpur College offers students the opportunity to choose from a variety of interdisciplinary majors and cross-disciplinary concentrations. Completion of a major program satisfies one of the basic requirements for graduation from Harpur College. Cross-disciplinary concentrations are similar to minors. Completion of a cross-disciplinary concentration is not a requirement for graduation, but is officially recognized by the college. In addition to a major, a secondary group of related courses, supervised by a designated faculty member or members, is noted on the transcript.

Note: Interdisciplinary courses do not count toward the all-college distribution requirements unless the courses are cross-listed with a department in one of the three divisions, and then the courses count as courses in that department's division. If the course is not cross-listed, the program may assign divisional status to the course based on course content. The status of such courses is indicated in the *Student Course Guide* and the *Schedule of Classes*.

## Asian and Asian American Studies (undergraduate)

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The program in Asian and Asian American studies offers students an interdisciplinary concentration in the histories, societies, cultures and languages of Asia, primarily of China and Japan, but including Korea, Soviet Asia and Southeast Asia. The program offers courses in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, political science, sociology, history, economics, geography, anthropology, music, cinema, art history and management. Harpur College and School of Management students also have the option of pursuing a cross-disciplinary East Asian/Management Studies concentration in the East Asian and Management Studies Program, which is described in the School of Management section.

## Asian Studies Concentration

To qualify for a certificate in the cross-disciplinary concentration in Asian studies, a student must take eight relevant four-credit courses (or their equivalents) as approved by the director, with no more than four in any one discipline. The eight courses shall include: 1) At least two semesters' study of Chinese or Japanese or the equivalent; and 2) AAAS 106 (Introduction to Asian Civilizations). The senior seminar in Asian studies (AAAS 490) is strongly recommended but not required. Students may take no more than two of their concentration courses Pass/Fail and they must maintain at least a C average in their concentration coursework.

Current courses include:

- \*CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese I
- \*CHIN 102. Elementary Chinese II
- \*CHIN 203. Intermediate Chinese I
- \*CHIN 204. Intermediate Chinese II
- CHIN 305. Advanced Chinese I
- \*CHIN 350. Business Chinese
- \*CHIN 491. Teaching Practicum
- \*CHIN 492. Teaching Practicum
- \*JPN 101. Elementary Japanese I
- \*JPN 102. Elementary Japanese II
- \*JPN 203. Intermediate Japanese I
- \*JPN 204. Intermediate Japanese I
- \*JPN 305. Advanced Reading and Composition I
- \*JPN 306. Advanced Reading and Composition II
- \*JPN 491. Practicum in College Teaching
- \*JPN 492. Practicum in College Teaching
- ANTH 251. China: Its Society and Culture
- ANTH 368. Modern Development in China and Japan
- \*CHIN 241. Classical Chinese Literature in Translation
- AAAS 106. Introduction to Asian Civilizations (also HIST 106)
- AAAS 490. Senior Seminar on East Asia
- ECON 317. Economy of China
- ECON 414. Economic Development: East Asia
- GEOG 259. East Asia, Land, and People
- HIST 271. Japan to 1600
- HIST 272. Japan 1600-1945

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HIST 273. China to 1644  
HIST 274. China Since 1644  
HIST 267. Asian American History  
HIST 372. Chinese Thought  
HIST 472. Chinese Women and the Family  
IBUS 311. Introduction to International  
Business  
IBUS 480. Doing Business in China  
IBUS 480. International Trade and Export  
Management  
IBUS 480. Japanese Management  
MUS 111. Music Cultures: Far East, Asia  
MUS 280. East Asian Music  
PLSC 313. Politics of China and Northeast  
Asia  
SOC 275. Japanese Society in Contemporary  
Japan  
SOC 380B. Asian Experience in North  
America  
SOC 374. China in the 20th Century  
(also HIST 374)

\* Described under the Department of German,  
Russian, and East Asian Languages in this  
Bulletin.

## Asian American Studies Concentration

To qualify for a certificate in the cross-disciplinary concentration in Asian American studies, a student must complete a total of eight courses approved by the director of which (a) four courses selected from the "core" list of courses that currently include:

HIST 280H or SOC 280B. Asian American  
History and Society  
HIST 264. Immigration and Ethnicity in U.S.  
History  
HIST 380B. Race and Sexual Politics  
HIST 486G. Asian Diaspora Cultural Politics  
SOC 380B. The Asian Experience in North  
America

(b) one course relating to the experiences of another ethnic minority in the U.S. (African American, Latino, Jewish, Native American, for example); (c) one course on a country or region of Asia; (d) two electives, including independent studies, from the courses listed in the program, or that are in the judgment of the director relevant to the concentration (courses in Asian, Asian American or American studies subjects relevant to the Asian experience).