# Program Modification Form

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<td><strong>Summary</strong></td>
<td>This is a proposed update of curriculum and requirements for the Asian Studies option within the Liberal Studies Program, based on what courses are actually taught on a regular basis, and on how many credit hours should be required for the option, to make it commensurate with other Liberal Studies options (such as Religious Studies).</td>
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Major in Liberal Studies with an option in Asian Studies
The following requirements must be met to complete this program.

Completion of the Liberal Studies core curriculum. (See the Liberal Studies section of this catalog.)
Six credits in introductory Asian Studies courses (100-level courses or Study Abroad in Asia).
Twelve credits in foundational Asian Studies courses (200-level courses), including Asian Studies 201.
At least 30 credits in upper-level courses (300-level courses and above), of which at least six credits must be in the humanities and six in the social sciences.
Language Requirement: Two years (or equivalent proficiency) in an Asian language appropriate to the student's academic goals and approved by the academic advisor. Students who plan to pursue graduate work are strongly advised to complete three years, including at least one study abroad in Asia experience.

1) Lower Division Requirements, 100-Level Courses (11 Credits)
a) LS Core Courses:
LS 151, 4cr. (required)
LS 152 4cr. (required)
b) Asian Studies Foundational Courses
One of the two following courses:
SSEA/LS 102 Intro to South and Southeast Asia, 3cr.
OR
LS 161 Intro to Asian Humanities, 3 cr.

2) Lower Division Requirements, 200 Level Courses (9 Credits)
Six credits must be from two of the following courses (all 3 cr.):
HSTR 240 East Asian Civilizations
SSEA/LS 202 South Asia
JPNS/MCLG/LS 210 Japanese

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Culture and Civilization
CHIN/MCLG/LS 211 Chinese Culture and Civilization
SOCI/SSEA 212 Social Issues in Southeast Asia

The remaining three credits must be from one of the following courses (all 3 cr.):
RELS 232 Buddhism
RELS 233 Traditions of Buddhist Meditation
RELS 234 Hinduism
RELS 236 Chinese Religions
RELS 238 Japanese Religions

3) Upper Division Requirements, 300 and 400 Level Courses (21 credits)
At least 21 credits in upper-level courses (300-level courses and above), chosen from the following list of courses (all 3 cr.):
CHIN/MCLG/LS 313 Classical Chinese Poetry in English Translation.
CHIN/MCLG/LS 314 Traditional Chinese Literature in English Translation
CHIN/MCLG/LS 432 Twentieth Century Chinese Fiction in English Translation.
GPHY 444 High Asia
HSTR 343 Modern Japan
HSTR 345 Modern China
HSTR 448 Tradition and
Reform in China  
HSTR 449 Revolution and Reform In China  
JPNS/MCLG 311 Classical Japanese Literature in English Translation  
JPNS/MCLG 312 Japanese Literature from Medieval To Modern Times in English Translation  
JPNS 386 History of Japanese Language  
JPNS 391 Special Topics  
JPNS 411 Modern Japanese Writers and Thinkers  
JPNS 431 Post-War Japanese Literature  
PSCI 329 Politics of Japan  
RELS 353 Topics in South Asian Religions  
RELS 354 Topics in East Asian Religions  
RELS 360 Classics in Buddhist Literature  
RELS 366 Tibetan Civilization  
RELS 367 Approaches to the Study of Zen Buddhism  
RELS 368 Contemporary Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia  
RELS 369 Contemplative Traditions of Asia  

4) Language Requirement:  
Two years (or equivalent proficiency) in an Asian language appropriate to the student's
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<td>As stated above, the reasons for these changes are: a) to accurately reflect courses in Asian Studies that are actually taught at the current time at the university (moribund classes have been dropped, continued courses have been maintained [or, in the cases of several continued CHIN and JPNS courses, which somehow were dropped from the AS page in the UM catalogue for no legitimate reason, these courses have been reinstated] and, and new courses have been added); and 2) to require a realistic amount of credit hours for students doing the Asian Studies option in the Liberal Studies Program (this is modeled on the recently approved Religious Studies option in Liberal Studies, which requires also requires 41 credits (plus language).</td>
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| What other programs are affected by your proposal? Obtain signatures as requested above. | The affected programs, namely Geography, History, and Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, have been consulted and have signed above. The other possible affected program, Southwest and Central Asian Studies, is aware of this proposal, but has chosen not to list its courses under Asian Studies at this time. |