

Asian Studies Courses

AS 101 Introduction to Asia (3 credits)

The civilizations of India, China, and Japan are presented in historical perspective. Korea, selected cultures of Southeast Asia, and the Islamic world are also included. The course is not designed as an attempt at a comprehensive survey, but rather as a series of more intensive investigations into a selected number of interrelated themes, ideas, and developments in Asia. The first term will be devoted to the traditional period and will include studies of artistic, religious, literary, philosophical, and political achievements and challenges.

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The second term will examine the modern period, from Western contacts to the present, emphasizing the same interdisciplinary perspectives. Original texts, guest speakers, and multimedia materials will be utilized whenever possible.