Twin Cities Campus

Asian Literatures, Cultures, and Media M.A.

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: The Asian Languages and Literatures Department considers applications only from students seeking the PhD degree; it does not admit students directly to the MA. The MA is offered only as an exit degree or interim credential.

The Asian literatures, cultures, and media (ALCM) program enables students to pursue the study of Asian texts and media, broadly understood. The program encourages work that questions the boundaries of traditional area studies, demands proficiency in the language(s) of concentration, and provides opportunities for students to design a flexible program of study. Students must designate a language of concentration on their ALCM program application form. Currently, students may select Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Hindi/Urdu for their language of concentration. However, it is possible to select another South Asian language with permission of the director of graduate studies. For details, see the graduate program website at www.all.umn.edu.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Only applications from students seeking the PhD degree are considered, although applicants are not required to have taken graduate coursework before entering the program. The MA is offered as an exit degree or interim credential. A bachelor's degree from an accredited US institution (or its foreign equivalent) is required for admission. Students entering with an MA in a related field will have the appropriate number of credits and courses applied to their program of study (as determined by the director of graduate studies). Applicants are expected to have a strong academic record from a relevant humanities or social science discipline and at least three years of college-level study in the proposed language of concentration, or a demonstration of comparable linguistic proficiency.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations(GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the

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catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 30 major credits and 0 credits outside the major.The final exam is written and oral.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Advanced knowledge in the chosen language.

A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The MA examination comprises the PhD qualifying examination, which is normally taken at the end of the student's second year in the program. Students entering the program with an MA in a related field can take the qualifying examination after one year of study, with approval of the director of graduate studies. The final examination consists of the following: 1) written language examination(s), typically an in-room reading/translation examination on materials directly related to study and research interests; 2) an oral presentation and interview discussing the materials that were part of the written examination; 3) submission of two Plan B research papers for evaluation (normally papers from two different classes, revised for submission); and 4) an oral examination (in English) by a faculty committee, based on the submitted papers.

Required Courses

AMES 8001 - Critical Approaches to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (3.0 cr)
AMES 8002 - Research Seminar (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take 24 or more credit(s) from the following:
A maximum of 8 language credits can be applied as electives.
Take 0 - 8 credit(s) from the following:
- ARAB 5101 - Advanced Arabic I (4.0 cr)
- ARAB 5102 - Advanced Arabic II (4.0 cr)
- CHN 4041 - Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese I (4.0 cr)
- CHN 4042 - Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese II (4.0 cr)
- HNDI 4005 - Advanced Hindi I for Graduate Research (4.0 cr)
- HNDI 4006 - Advanced Hindi II for Graduate Research (4.0 cr)
- JPN 4041 - Advanced Japanese Conversation and Composition I (4.0 cr)
- JPN 4042 - Advanced Japanese Conversation and Composition II (4.0 cr)
- KOR 4041 - Advanced Readings in Modern Korean I (4.0 cr)
- KOR 4042 - Advanced Readings in Modern Korean II (4.0 cr)
- URDU 4005 - Advanced Urdu I for Graduate Research (4.0 cr)
- URDU 4006 - Advanced Urdu II for Graduate Research (4.0 cr)

- **Seminars and Courses**

Many 8xxx-level CLA seminars can be taken to fulfill the requirements of this degree. Students choose courses in consultation with their advisor. The following list includes frequently taken electives:
Take 16 - 24 credit(s) from the following:
- ALL 5xxx
- ALL 8xxx
- MIMS 8001 - Theories of the Moving Image (3.0 cr)
- MIMS 8003 - Historiography of the Moving Image (3.0 cr)
- HIST 5940 *{Inactive}*(1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- HIST 5960 - Topics in History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- HIST 8960 - Topics in History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- ARTH 5765 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- ARTH 8710 - Seminar: Islamic Art (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 8720 - Seminar:East Asian Art (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 8950 - Seminar: Issues in the History of Art (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5490 - Topics: Political Economy and Global Studies (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 5980 - Topics in Anthropology (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 8810 - Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (3.0 cr)

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