

Asia Studies (South Asia), BA

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ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Interested students should apply to the [Global Asia Studies BA](#) program.

Explore the history of South Asia, from the Ganges River of India to the ancient cultures of Pakistan. Examination of transdisciplinary issues of the past will give you a clear understanding of current and future matters in South Asia --- an understanding that will complement any career you pursue.

Program description

The BA program in Asia studies offers students the opportunity for in-depth study of East Asia, South Asia or Southeast Asia through a coherent curriculum of academic study across a number of disciplines.


The transdisciplinary approach provides students with a variety of intellectual tools to address contemporary political, social and cultural issues in Asia and enables them to apply valuable knowledge in various academic and practical settings.

The Asia studies degree program with a concentration in South Asia includes coursework covering Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and other South Asian states and societies.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2022 - 2023 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Management \(Creative Industries and Design Thinking\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Digital Audience Strategy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Affairs\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Business\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Development and Innovation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Digital Transformation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Entrepreneurship\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Health Care Delivery\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Legal Studies\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Nonprofit Leadership and Management\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Administration\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Policy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainability Solutions\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainable Tourism\), MGM](#)

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the very cultures they are studying through [Global Education programs](#). In programs available throughout Southern Asia, students can deepen their understanding of South Asian history, religion and culture while enhancing their resumes with the heightened cultural competency, adaptability, and critical thinking and communication skills they acquire through the experience.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these study abroad programs](#) for students majoring in Asia studies with a concentration in South Asia.

Career opportunities

People knowledgeable about Asia are required in virtually every arena in which the U.S. interacts with the rest of the world, including:

- communication and journalism
- diplomacy, trade, and international organizations
- food security
- higher education
- humanitarian service and philanthropy
- intelligence
- law and law enforcement
- military
- technology transfer
- transportation and tourism

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