ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
AT SUNY NEW PALTZ
WHAT IS ASIAN STUDIES?

Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program. Courses of Asian Studies are offered by faculty from different departments in SUNY New Paltz. Students will learn a variety of perspectives and disciplines to reach in-depth understanding of Asia.

SUNY New Paltz is one of the five SUNY schools (other schools are SUNY Albany, Stony Brook, Binghamton, and Buffalo) that offer majors in Asian Studies.

The program consists of language and content courses
- Minor: 18 credits (8 language credits [JPN/CHI 101, 102] and 10 content credits
- Major: 37 credits (16 language credits [JPN/CHI 101, 102, 201, 202] and 21 content credits)

Joe Drake (‘19) and Prof. Nathen Clerici
Joe is now working in Tokyo, Japan as a fellow of the JET program
WHY ASIAN STUDIES?

(1) GOOD FOR YOUR CAREER DESIGN

- Asian countries play key roles in International politics, economy, and art in the 21st century. Finishing Asian Studies major or minor would make you more marketable.
- Because of the flexible nature of the program, many Asian Studies students were able to finish another major and minors.
- Many Asian Studies students develop their language proficiency and career opportunities by doing study abroad in Asia.
- We have a strong alumni network. Asian Studies majors can apply for a special scholarship created by the alumni of the Asian Studies.

Jeremy Luna ('20 Asian Studies and International Relations Double Majors)
He worked at Sumitomo Electric in Tokyo as a summer intern after finishing his study abroad in Japan.
WHY ASIAN STUDIES?
(2) FUN!

- Since we are not a large program (about 35 major students), students and faculty know each other.
- We organize many cultural events. You are always welcome to join and organize them.
- If you are interested in learning Japanese or Chinese by living with native language speakers, join the East-West Living and Learning Community (EWLLC, ASN 100). You will learn the languages and also enjoy organizing the mid-autumn and the lunar new year festivals.

Mid-autumn festival, Fall 2019
GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE ASIAN STUDIES STUDENTS

➢ Take Japanese or Chinese language courses.
  ▪ JPN/CHI 101 are offered in the fall semester only. If you want to start learning Japanese and Chinese from the beginning, you should not miss the courses in the fall semester.
  ▪ Introduction to Japanese and Chinese languages programs are available below.
    ▪ Chinese
    ▪ Japanese

➢ Take one of the Asian Studies courses. The course list is [here](#). Perhaps it’s good start from introductory level courses, such as Intro Asia (ASN 200).

➢ For more detailed questions (e.g. doing double majors etc.), please contact Akira Shimada, the Program Director of Asian Studies (email: shimadaa@newpaltz.edu)
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ASIAN STUDIES

- College Website, Asian Studies (https://www.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/)
- Asian Studies Hawksite (https://hawksites.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/)
- Course Schedule, Fall 2020
- Major and Minor plans