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## Career Directions

The booming economies, vibrant societies, and rich cultural traditions of Asia make it an exciting area of study with a wide array of career prospects for graduates.

Graduates are working in banks in New York, law offices in San Francisco, trading companies in Japan, construction companies in Hong Kong, and schools throughout Asia and the U.S.



## The Chinese House

The Chinese House was first established in the fall semester of 1998. It provides a living and learning place to students who are interested in various aspects of the Chinese culture as well as to those who are learning the Chinese language.

## The Japanese House

This Japanese culture and language residential learning program is designed for students eager to study Japanese culture and/or language in mutual teaching and learning activities. Its major goal is to explore Japanese culture through shared activities.

## The Global Village

The Global Village is an additional learning experience for students interested in exploring other cultures, studying abroad, or pursuing lives and careers in an increasingly interconnected world. The community of learners that make up the Global Village will be engaged in coursework, lectures, concerts, exhibits, faculty and peer mentoring, social connections with international students, group meals, and trips.

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Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary program composed of twenty-four faculty members in thirteen academic disciplines - Anthropology, Art History, Chinese Language, Community Development, Economics, Education, Environmental Studies, History, Linguistics, Japanese Language, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion. It is one of seven areas of study in UVM's program for Area and International Studies, and its faculty is noted for excellence in both teaching and scholarship.

Major and minor academic concentrations in Asian Studies are available to undergraduate students. Several departments offer graduate programs as well. Students wishing to major in Asian Studies establish at least intermediate proficiency in a foreign language relevant to their particular concentration, and take courses on Asia in several disciplines.

Asian Studies faculty cooperate with community and student organizations to bring to campus intellectual and cultural events related to Asia, including speakers, films, music and dance performances, art exhibits, and culinary demonstrations.



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# The Asian Studies Program

## Language, History and Culture

Courses are drawn from 10 disciplines, and topics range from Asian art, to contemporary Chinese culture and society, to Asian politics, to history of India, to interpretations of Eastern religions or philosophies.

Majors are encouraged to study an Asian language such as Chinese or Japanese up to the intermediate level and to study abroad for at least one semester. On-campus educational and social events such as lectures, workshops and cultural performances are common.

With thousands of U.S. companies investing and trading in Asia, career prospects for students with cultural knowledge and Asian language skills are excellent.

### Degrees Offered by UVM

#### Undergraduate Majors in:

- ◆ Asian Studies
- ◆ Chinese Language
- ◆ Japanese language

#### Undergraduate Minors in:

- ◆ Asian Studies
- ◆ Chinese Language
- ◆ Japanese language

## Asian Studies Major and Minor

**The Asian Studies major** consists of at least 33 credit hours in courses from the Asian Studies listing (see Courses of Instruction: Asian Studies) to include the following:

- Completion of two years (normally 16 credits) study of the language of the geographic subarea of concentration. Students with demonstrated fluency in the language of the subarea of concentration (for instance native speakers) may substitute other Asian Studies courses to fulfill the 33 hour requirement. No more than 16 hours of language study count toward the major.
- The remaining credit hours must include at least nine hours at the 100 level and three hours at the 200 level from at least three academic disciplines. Language courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

**The Asian Studies minor** consists of at least 18 credit hours in courses from the Asian Studies listing (see Courses of Instruction: Asian Studies) to include:

- Completion of at least two Asian language courses and at least one course in each of two other academic disciplines. For students who demonstrate fluency in an Asian language relevant to their minor concentration (for instance native speakers), courses from a third academic discipline will be substituted for the language requirement.
- The remaining credit hours must include at least nine hours at or above the 100 level. Students must consult with an appropriate Asian Studies advisor and

demonstrate thematic and/or geographic coherence in their selection of courses.

**Note:** Courses significantly but not entirely on Asia may be counted toward a student's major or minor requirements only if papers or projects relevant to their Asian subarea or thematic focus have been completed. The Dean's Office must receive written approval from the advisor. (See catalog for listing of courses). Students who major in Asian Studies and minor in an Asian language may overlap only one course.

### Faculty Geographic Areas of Specialty:

East Asia:	South Asia:
John Jing-hua Yin	Abigail McGowan
Mutsumi Corson	Emily Manetta
Diana Sun	Jonah Steinberg
Kazuko Suzuki	John Seyller
Jeanne Shea	Kevin Trainor
Erik Esselstrom	Saleem Ali
Matthew Carlson	Ken Bauer
Ken Bauer	
Thomas Berchert	Central Asia:
Sin-Yee Chan	Jonah Steinberg
Stephanie Sequino	Michele Commercio
Juefei Wang	
Kyle Ikeda	