Asian Studies Program
Learning Outcomes for Asian Studies Majors (2/28/14)

I. Overview

An Asian Studies major provides students with understanding of one of the most important and dynamic regions of the world, a region that is foundational to the changing global order of the 21st century. The interdisciplinary emphasis of the program combines a broad geographic overview of Asia with deep focus on the history, literature, language, culture, politics and society of a major country or region, in combination with some specific disciplinary training.

II. Key Learning Outcomes

• ability to articulate major issues or themes in the understanding of Asian cultures and societies.
• development of inter-cultural competence. The Asian Studies Program shares the vision, articulated by the Office of International Affairs, of educating students to become “global scholars.” We encourage majors to study at a partner university in Asia and obtain first-hand experience with cultures of Asia.
• intermediate language competence (2 years) in a major Asian language.
• exposure to multiple disciplinary approaches and perspectives.
• ability to analyze, interpret, and contextualize sources critically.
• ability to develop successful strategies for writing a paper in a specific discipline.