

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

Our goal is to help you develop skills and competencies that prepare you to be a global citizen in this rapidly changing world.

The Asian and Middle East Studies Program at Kenyon studies the world through the cultures, peoples and societies of Asia and the Middle East — from north Africa to India and Central Asia to Indonesia, China and Japan.

As a student in AMES courses, you will encounter a broad range of diverse issues from Arabic literary movements to the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative, from Sufi philosophy to music as human rights. Throughout our classes you study Asian and Middle East cultures from within, rather than in terms of Western cultural norms or theories.

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Fall 2020 Courses

*ANTH 113.03 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 206 Seminar in Ethnomusicology
ANTH 391 ST: Language, Power, and Social ID
ARBC 201 Intermediate Arabic I
ARBC 321 Advanced Arabic I
ARBC 391 ST: Intro Translation Studies
*ARHS 114 Intro to Asian Art
*ARHS 115 Intro to Islamic Art & Architecture
ARHS 240 History of Chinese Painting
*CHNS 111Y Intensive Intro Chinese
CHNS 213Y Intermediate Chinese
*CHNS 251 Modern China through Film & Fiction
CHNS 321 Advanced Chinese
CHNS 323 Advanced Chinese II
*ENGL 103.06 Literary Locations

ENGL 266 Decolonization and Violence
*HIST 156 History of India
*HIST 161 East Asia to 1800
HIST 264 History of Modern Middle East
HIST 358 Imagined India: Film & Fiction
HIST 391.01 ST: Environmental History of East Asia
*JAPN 111Y Intensive Intro Modern Japanese
JAPN 191 St: "China" in Japanese Literature
JAPN 213Y Intermediates Modern Japanese
JAPN 322 Japanese Culture and Society
*LGLS 191 St: FY Law, Culture, & Meaning
MUSC 206D Seminar in Ethnomusicology
*PHIL 191.01 St: Political Philosophy & Hong Kong
PSCI 475 China in the World
*RLST 240 Intro to Islamic Tradition
*RLST 260 Buddhist Thought & Practice

*denotes courses available for first year students



Vineeta Chauhan '21
studying in India

Asian Studies helps me see the relationship between language and human experience. I plan to do research for my Psychology Major on linguistic diversity in migrant communities.

As of today, I am fluent in two languages (Hindi and English) and am actively studying Japanese and Korean to further my own understanding of linguistics.

Vineeta Chauhan '21

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Language Study: 2 years at Kenyon or one year intensive study abroad.
- 2 Foundation Courses in 2 Areas: the list of courses is on the AMES website.
- 3 Courses in one Area: the list of courses is on the AMES website.
- AMES Senior Seminar in the Spring semester of the Senior year.

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum one year of language study
- 1.5 units of coursework in at least two departments other than modern languages and literature and representing at least two regions of Asia
- AMES Senior Seminar in the Spring semester of the Senior year.