



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Asian Studies

Students graduating with a B.A. in Asian Studies should be able to:

- Speak and comprehend colloquial Mandarin Chinese or Japanese at a level sufficient to participate in basic everyday conversations.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of how Mandarin Chinese or Japanese is written; recognize and reproduce a limited repertoire of characters (*hanzi, kanji*) essential for everyday written communication.
- Demonstrate broad knowledge of the major historical, cultural, political, and social aspects of East Asian societies within national contexts and beyond, and be able to engage in debates on these topics.
- Analyze and interpret creative and academic texts relating to East Asian Studies in light of appropriate historical and cultural contexts.
- Write well researched, cogent, persuasive essays on topics relating to China, Japan, Korea, and East Asia more broadly.