



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

MA in Asian Studies

Upon graduation with a MA in Asian Studies:

Core Knowledge. Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in Chinese or Japanese.
- Demonstrate general knowledge of East Asian cultures.
- Demonstrate specialized knowledge of bibliographical, methodological, and theoretical issues in a sub-field of East Asian studies, including but not limited to history, literature, religious studies, anthropology, linguistics and the arts, as well as social and cultural anthropology and sociology.

Research Methods and Analysis. Students should be able to:

- Target and conduct research in a sub-field in the academic study of East Asia.
- Master the range of methodological and theoretical issues adopted in the sub-field.
- Conduct original research using sources in Chinese, or Japanese.

Scholarly Communication. Students will be able to:

- Make a coherent academic argument that presents and evaluates evidence to support claims.
- Cogently review, analyze, and synthesize relevant literature.
- Write in a level and style of English consistent with that found in leading academic journals.
- Follow proper styles of scholarly documentation, such as citing, referencing, and formatting found in East Asian research outlets.
- Make clear and cogent oral presentations on academic occasions, such as conferences and classrooms.

Professionalism. Students will be able to:

Make effective contributions to professional service outside academia, such as government services that require knowledge and skills related to East Asia (Plan 1).