



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
WHITEWATER

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

ASIAN STUDIES MINOR

MISSION STATEMENT

The Asian Studies Minor program offers UW-W undergraduates skills, knowledge, and experiences related to the Asian world region that is designed to enrich and deepen students' understanding of our globalizing world in support of professional development, life-long learning, and personal and social responsibility as informed global citizens. The minor extends and complements a major field of study by offering an interdisciplinary program of study on Asian history, contemporary Asian cultures, and cross-cultural interactions among Asian peoples and others, preparing students for international careers or where knowledge of international affairs is essential. To achieve this mission, program faculty and staff are dedicated to innovative pedagogy in the classroom as well as connecting academic knowledge about Asia to field experience through international study and internships. Faculty and staff are also committed to disseminating their knowledge and expertise about Asian cultures in ways that meet the needs and engage the interests of students from across the University campus and the broader community.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are statements of what a student will know or be able to do when they have completed a program. They represent the knowledge and skills a program has determined are most important for students to gain from that program. The most useful SLOs are specific and measurable so the program can accurately assess the degree to which students have achieved each outcome, and they align with college and institution mission and values. Data on achievement of SLOs is used to make improvements in the program and increase student success.

After completing the requirements for the Asian Studies Minor, students will be able to:

- Express a basic understanding of the humanistic characteristics (e.g., aesthetic, historical, religious-philosophical) of the Asian cultural region;
- Accurately describe factual information and general debates about the socio-political dimensions (e.g., economic, social, political, cultural) of the Asian geographic region;
- Compare and contrast American-Western and Asian traditions and cultures;
- Recognize, explain and provide an evaluation of affective, spiritual, and aesthetic standards and values that people in Asian cultures possess;

- Identify and evaluate the impact of significant geographic, historical, economic, social, political, religious-philosophical and cultural factors on Asian people;
- Write an essay demonstrating an understanding of the value orientations and perspectives of people from Asian cultural traditions;
- Accurately describe, discuss and compare diversity within Asia and identify the significant historical events and philosophical-religious traditions that have shaped the beliefs and practices of Asian people; and
- Conduct a rigorous inquiry into the history, society, economy, politics and/or cultures of Asian nations.