



GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR

PROGRAMME
BOOKLET

"ARE YOU ASIA-READY?"

Global Asia is an **area-focused and interdisciplinary second major** committed towards understanding Asia within a global context.

With over **60 modules** across SMU's seven schools and growing, Global Asia enables students from any backgrounds to complement their intellectual and professional pursuits with an **Asia-Ready** edge over their peers.

Global Asia also offers students **immersion into the region** through exchange, internship and community service project opportunities, enabling them to grow alongside a diverse and vibrant Asia.

Learning Outcomes

- Appreciate Asia's complex diversity of cultures and societies to innovate, influence and integrate the region
- Analyse multifaceted histories and political economies in Asia
- Critically evaluate contemporary issues in Asia
- Create solutions faced by Asia-based institutions, organisations, and communities through experiential and immersive-based learning (SMU-X courses, study missions, and specialised internship programs)

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Programme Structure

To fulfil the requirements of Global Asia second major, students must complete:

1

Two compulsory modules

COR-GA2634: Exploring Asian Identities

IDIS010: Southeast Asia Past and Present



2

Six Electives in Two Categories:

Students must choose **at least one elective** in each category as part of their six-electives choice. A list of courses is available in Annex A.



(Category 1) Engaging Asia

Engaging Asia allow students to develop their expertise in a wide-ranging areas of issues and opportunities in Asia including but not limited to:

- Urbanisation and Urbanisms in Asia
- Socio-Ecological Impact in Anthropocene Asia
- Popular Cultural Productions, Consumption and Engagements in Asia
- Developing Resilient and Versatile Communities in Asia

(Category 2) Immersive Asia

Immersive Asia courses focus on getting students out into the region, allowing them to use **experience and immersion** as part of their learning journeys!

Join our faculty and your classmates to go to places in Asia you have never tried with before, and learn new things about societies, cultures and ways of living that will



Field Trips to local communities and place



Visits to various museums in Asia



Overseas Study Mission to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor



Visit to various archives and cultural sites in Asia!



Industry Visits to Regional Stakeholders



Industry Showcases with Regional Partners





Start Your Global Asia Journey Today!

Got a question?



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ANNEX A: List of Courses*

*More courses across the schools relevant to Global Asia will be added as they are available

Category 1: Engaging Asia

Note: GA students who wish to take a language course (highlighted in red) can only count one from the language courses below as a GA elective

- ACM213** Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia
- ACM306** Arts, Culture and the Global City
- COR2602** Film in Southeast Asia
- COR2603** Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years
- COR2613** Screening Asia: History, Society, and Politics in Film
- COR2622** Asia & World Literature: Beyond Orientalism
- COR2626** Imagining the Self: Literature, Ethnicity and Gender in Asia
- COR-GA2248** Anthropocene Asia
- COR-GA2636** Managing Diversity in Asia
- COR-GA2641** India in the World: Traditions and Transitions
- COR-GA2642** Overseas Project Experience (Managing Diversity in Asia)
- COR-JPAN2401** Japanese (language)
- COR-KREA2402** Korean (language)
- COR-MAND2404** Mandarin (language)
- COR-MLAY2405** Bahasa Melayu (language)
- COR-THAI2403** Thai (language)
- COR-POSC2604** Politics of South East Asia
- COR-SOCG2607** Contemporary South Asian Societies
- COR-SOCG2608** Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact
- COR-SOCG2637** Deconstructing Singapore Society
- ECON118** Economic Development in Asia
- GA201** Popular Culture in Asia
- GA203** History of Southeast Asia
- GA303** Special Topics in Global Asia *
- LAW.469** Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law
- LAW4009** China's Belt and Road Initiative: Practical Legal and Commercial Aspect of Cross-Border Projects on the New Silk Route
- LGST235** China's Belt and Road Initiative: Challenges and Opportunities
- MGMT.312** Asia Pacific Business
- MGMT320** Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities
- PHIL207** Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy
- POSC210** Political Economy of East Asia
- POSC220** International Relations of East Asia
- POSC222** Chinese Foreign Policy
- POSC223** Political Economy of Inequality in Singapore
- POSC304** Social Movements in Asia
- POSC326** The Global South in World Politics
- PPPM205** Religion and Policy in Asia
- SOCG203** Gender and Family
- SOCG222** Nation Building in Asia
- SOCG227** InterAsian Mobilities
- SOCG229** Life Course and Ageing

* Special Topics courses are conducted by visiting expert academics and may not be available every Academic Year

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Category 2: Immersive Asia

ACCT001 Accounting Study Mission (Asian Studies)

ACCT009 Overseas Project Experience (Accounting in Asia)

COR-ACM2633 Overseas Project Experience (Arts Management and Cultural Exchange in Asia)

GA305 GA Study Mission

GA306 Special Project (in partnership with other institutions) ^

GA307 Independent Project ^

GA308 Overseas Project Experience: Applied Social Sciences in Globalised Asia

IDIS201 Overseas Project Experience: Sustainability Communication in Asia

LAW.438 Law Study Mission to Asia

MGMT.325 Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia)

MGMT301 Business Study Mission (Asia)

MGMT337 Sustainability Study Mission (Asian Studies)

POSC307 Political Science Study Mission

PSYC308 Overseas Project Experience (Applied Psychology in Asia)

SMT401 Social Technopreneurship Study Mission (Asia)

SOCG228 Social Entrepreneurship Challenge in the Indo-Pacific

SOCG311 Overseas Project Experience (Applied Sociology in Asia)

SSOC202 Overseas Project Experience (Sustainability Practices in Asia)

^ Special and Independent Project courses are only available upon special arrangement with the GA programme coordinator.