

GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR

Global Asia is an area-focused, interdisciplinary second major committed to humanities scholarship that studies Asia within a global context. It is ideal for SMU students from all backgrounds who want supplement their undergraduate studies with specialised knowledge about Asia.

The last few decades have witnessed Asia's dramatic rise in the global stage as key countries like China, India, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore emerge as major economic and geopolitical powerhouses. At the same time, industrialising countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines and Pakistan are set to grow rapidly with a dynamism that has led many observers to dub the 21st Century as 'the Asian Century.' However, while Asia is re-emerging as a major centre of economic growth, innovation, and world history, it also faces enormous problems related to inequality, poverty, environmental degradation, migration, geo-political tensions, and social and personal upheaval.

Within these changing regional and global landscapes, the Global Asia second major strives to meet the rising demand for knowledge about Asian societies, cultures, and contemporary politics. Courses within the programme integrate knowledge from various disciplines in order to give students a holistic approach to the study of Asia.

Embedded within the program are enriched activities that include a course taught in collaboration with partner organisations, a humanities-based study mission to an Asian country, special internships with international organizations and NGOs, and joint programs/partnership arrangements with leading universities in East and Southeast Asia. Making use of Singapore's strategic location as a regional hub for arts and culture, the programme also employs interactive teaching methodologies that involve visits to museums, seasonal arts exhibitions, civil society groups, as well as other relevant events around our vibrant city.

Learning outcomes

The Global Asia second major aims to produce globally-minded students with in-depth knowledge of their own region of Asia. Designed to accommodate students from diverse degree programs across SMU's Schools, this second major will equip students with the necessary skills to navigate their way through Asia's changing social, economic, and geopolitical terrains.

By the end of this course, students would have acquired:

- Understanding of the great diversity of cultures and societies in Asia
- Specialised knowledge about the complex history and political economy of Asia
- Knowledge of humanities-based analytical methods and theories to critically analyse contemporary issues in Asia
- Opportunities to apply skills in solving real-life problems faced by Asia-based institutions, organisations, and communities through experiential learning (SMU-X courses, study missions, and specialised internship programs)

Programme structure

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

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AY2015/16 and AY2016/17	AY2017/18 and later
<p>1. <u>Compulsory courses</u></p> <p>GA001 Exploring Asian Identities SOCG222 Nation Building in Asia</p> <p>2. <u>Electives</u> [choose five: two from (A) and two from (B) and one from (A) or (B)]</p> <p>(A) History, Culture and Society</p> <p>ACM213 Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia ACM306 Arts, Culture and the Global City HUMN004 Cultural Identities and the Arts HUMN011 20th Century Chinese Literature GA002 Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity & Change GA102 Southeast Asian Literature GA201 Popular Culture in Asia GA203 History of Southeast Asia GA205 Managing Diversity in Asia GA303 Special Topics in Global Asia * LAW.469 Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law PHIL207 Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy COR-SOCG2606 Contemporary South Asian Societies SOCG110 Deconstructing Singapore Society SOCG218 Social Problems in Asia SOCG227 InterAsian Mobilities NEW Introduction to Urban Studies</p> <p>(B) Politics, Economics and Law</p> <p>ACCT003 Capital Markets in China ECON118 Economic Development in Asia ECON128 Economic Growth of East and South Asia GA103 Changing Public Policy in Singapore GA304 Special Topics in Asian Politics, Economics, and Law LAW426 Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore LGST235 China's Belt and Road Initiative: Challenges and Opportunities MGMT.234 Strategic Management in China MGMT.304 Entrepreneurial Leadership in Ethnic Chinese Business POSC206 Politics of Japan and Korea POSC210 Political Economy of East Asia COR-POSC2603 Politics of South East Asia</p>	<p>1. <u>Compulsory courses</u></p> <p>GA001 Exploring Asian Identities GA002 Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity & Change</p> <p>2. <u>Electives</u> (choose five) <i>Note: GA students who wish to take a language course can only count <u>one</u> from the language courses on offer as a GA elective.</i></p> <p>ACM213 Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia ACM306 Arts, Culture and the Global City ECON118 Economic Development in Asia GA201 Popular Culture in Asia GA203 History of Southeast Asia GA205 Managing Diversity in Asia GA303 Special Topics in Global Asia * COR2603 Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years COR2602 Film in Southeast Asia COR2613 Screening Asia: History, Society, and Politics in Film COR-JPAN2401 Japanese (language) COR-KREA2402 Korean (language) 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 COR-MAND2404 Mandarin (language) MGMT.312 Asia Pacific Business MGMT320 Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities COR-MLAY2405 Bahasa Melayu (language) PHIL207 Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy COR-POSC2603 Politics of South East Asia POSC220 International Relations of East Asia POSC222 Chinese Foreign Policy PPPM205 Religion and Policy in Asia COR-SOCG2606 Contemporary South Asian Societies COR-SOCG2607 Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact SOCG110 Deconstructing Singapore Society SOCG222 Nation Building in Asia SOCG227 InterAsian Mobilities COR-THAI2403 Thai (language) NEW Introduction to Urban Studies</p>

<p>POSC216 Politics of India POSC220 International Relations of East Asia POSC221 Politics of the Two Koreas POSC222 Chinese Foreign Policy POSC316 Politics of Water in Asia PPPM205 Religion and Policy in Asia COR-SOCG2607 Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact</p> <p>3. <u>Engaging the field</u> (choose one)</p> <p>GA305 GA Study Mission GA306 Special Project (in partnership with other institutions) ^ GA307 Independent Project ^ POSC307 Political Science Study Mission LAW.438 Law Study Mission to Asia MGMT301 Business Study Mission (Asia) MGMT.325 Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia) SMT401 Social Technopreneurship Study Mission (Asia)</p>	<p>3. <u>Engaging the field</u> (choose one)</p> <p>ACCT001 Accounting Study Mission (Asian Studies) GA305 GA Study Mission GA306 Special Project (in partnership with other institutions) ^ GA307 Independent Project ^ POSC307 Political Science Study Mission LAW.438 Law Study Mission to Asia MGMT301 Business Study Mission (Asia) MGMT.325 Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia) MGMT337 Sustainability Study Mission (Asian Studies) SMT401 Social Technopreneurship Study Mission (Asia)</p>
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* Special Topics courses are conducted by visiting expert academics and may not be available every Academic Year

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

- Course codes may change; students should refer to BOSS for the most updated information.

Policy on double counting:

BSocSc students are not allowed to double count any of the Social Science electives cross-listed under the GA second major. For example, a BSocSc student may take *POSC220* as GA elective or as Political Science elective, but not both.