

“Anyone can tell you studying Asia is an all around smart move. My Asian studies have influenced me not just on a professional level, but more profoundly on a personal level. With the program’s lush blend of comparative history, philosophy, language and art, it opened my world view, expanding my realm of possibilities...making my life much richer overall.”

—Erin, Asian Studies  
Focus Award recipient

“I [thought] about the History of India class on my recent trip to Thailand! I was at the Grand Palace in Bangkok and admiring the murals of the inner walls. I suddenly stopped and found myself recognizing a certain section. I had recognized Rama with his bow, Hanuman, and the monkey-man army. It was the story of the Ramayana before my very eyes! I was absolutely delighted when I had put the pieces all together...I even brought the Ramayana with me to read for fun. I truly learned so much from that course.”

—Justin Flaibin

The Asian Studies Focus Award satisfies Portland State University’s International Studies requirement, INT 216a, Introduction to Asian Studies, with some restrictions. PCC is a Regional Center of the East-West Center’s Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) [www.eastwestcenter.org](http://www.eastwestcenter.org)

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## Asian Studies Focus Award



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The courses included in PCC's Asian Studies Focus Award foster a rich understanding and appreciation of the cultures of Asia. A minimum of sixteen credits from the courses listed below entitles students to receive an Asian Studies Focus Award, which will show prospective employers and transfer colleges a foundational focus on Asia. These studies encourage broader reflections about the nature of culture and how it shapes everything from world views to daily life. Above all, the focus award enables students to develop a multidimensional perspective on Asia with its many cultures and to enhance their own life experience as well.

To receive the Asian Studies Focus Award, a student will complete at least 16 credits from the following choices, which must:

- Include no more than two courses from one discipline (e.g. Art, Japanese, Literature)
- Cover more than one geographic area of Asia
- Include no more than one general course, in which the student should focus on Asian topics (ATH 103; BA 203; COMM 140; GEO 107; MUS 108; PS 204; PS 205; R 210; WS 201)

Although only two courses from one discipline may apply toward the award, we encourage and wholeheartedly support taking two full years of an Asian language.

## Courses May Be Selected From The Following:

### Anthropology

ATH 103 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 4

### Art

ART 207 History of Asian Art: India 4  
ART 208 History of Asian Art: China 4  
ART 209 History of Asian Art: Japan 4

### Business Administration

BA 203 Introduction to International Business 3

### Chinese

All language and culture credit courses may apply to the focus award. They vary from 3-5 credits.

### Communication Studies

COMM 140 Introduction to Intercultural Communication 4

### Geography

GEO 107 Geography of Global Issues 4

### History

HST 105 History of India and the South Asian Region 4  
HST 106 History of China 4  
HST 107 History of Korea and Japan 4

### Japanese

All language and culture credit courses may apply to the focus award. They vary from 1-6 credits.

### Literature

ENG 207 World Literature: Asian (Indian) 4  
ENG 208 World Literature: Asian (Chinese) 4  
ENG 209 World Literature: Asian (Japanese) 4

### Music

MUS 108 Music Cultures of the World 3

### Philosophy

PHL 210 Introduction to Asian Philosophy 4

### Physical Education

Any PE Course with an Asian focus, such as Aikido, Judo, Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, and Yoga may apply to the focus award.

### Political Science

PS 204 Comparative Political Systems 4  
PS 205 Global Politics: Conflict/Cooperation 4

### Religious Studies

R 201 Asian Religions 4  
R 210 World Religions 4

### Women's Studies

WS 201 Women of the World 4