

102-AS Master of Arts (Asian Societies)

Year and Campus:	2009
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	
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Course Overview:	The Master of Arts (Asian Societies) provides advanced training in Asian area studies together with theoretical and methodological perspectives in such disciplines as politics, anthropology, history, media studies, development and cultural studies. Graduates should develop an advanced understanding of key debates in the Asian region, including inter-regional ties and conflicts, political economy, human rights, Islamic movements in Asia, media and popular cultures in Asia and the impact of globalisation in Asia. The course is designed to equip students to work in professional areas related to Asia but can also serve as the foundation for further research studies.
Objectives:	Students who have successfully completed this course should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an advanced ability to analyse major problems and issues in Asian societies; # understand how to apply theoretical and cross-disciplinary approaches to the study of Asian societies; # have a critical appreciation of Asian as well as Western approaches to the study of Asia; # understand the theory and practice of research techniques appropriate to the study of Asian societies.
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>200 point program.</p> <p>Duration: 2 years full-time / up to 4 years part-time</p> <p>First 100 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 100 points (usually 8 subjects) of advanced language and/or elective subjects (all subjects are worth 12.5 points unless indicated) <p>Second 100 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # one minor thesis (37.5 points) # one compulsory subject (12.5 points) # at least one core subject (at least 12.5 points) # level 5 elective subjects (to total 100 points) <p>Total 200 points</p> <p>150 points program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Four elective subjects taken from the first 100 points of the 200 point program (50 points) # Remaining 100 points - <i>refer to the second 100 points of the 200 point program above</i> <p>Duration: 1.5 years full-time / up to 3 years part-time</p> <p>Total 150 points</p> <p>100 point program</p> <p><i>Refer to the second 100 points of the 200 point program above</i></p> <p>Duration: 1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time</p> <p>Total 100 points</p>
Subject Options:	First 100 points: Advanced language subjects

Students enrolled in these subjects must have a minimum of level three language skills or equivalent.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
110-492 Postgraduate Chinese A	Semester 1	12.500
110-494 Postgraduate Japanese A	Semester 1	12.500
110-496 Postgraduate Indonesian A	Semester 1	12.500
110-493 Postgraduate Chinese B	Semester 2	12.500
110-495 Postgraduate Japanese B	Semester 2	12.500
110-497 Postgraduate Indonesian B	Semester 2	12.500
110-491 Postgraduate Arabic B	Semester 2	12.500
110-490 Postgraduate Arabic A	Semester 1	12.500

With the permission of both the course coordinator and the other University, students may enrol in a substitute fourth year level Asian language taught by another local University.

Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
110-446 Topics in Chinese Studies	Semester 1	12.500
110-458 Topics in Indonesian Studies	Semester 1	12.500
131-432 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	Semester 1	12.500
161-448 Topics in Asian Philosophy	Semester 1	12.500
110-474 Topics in Japanese Studies	Semester 1	12.500
110-448 Supervised Reading (Asia Institute)	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.500
106-432 Cultural Studies in Asia	Not offered 2009	12.500
121-461 Gender Issues in Development	Semester 2	12.500
131-405 History, Memory and Violence in Asia	Semester 2	12.500
131-422 Asia in Paradigms of World History	Semester 2	12.500
161-443 Political Philosophy	Semester 2	12.500
110-471 Islamic Language, Identity and Power	Not offered 2009	12.50

With the permission of both the course and subject coordinator, students may enrol in alternative subjects at the appropriate level from other faculties and departments within the University.

Second 100 points:

Thesis

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
110-589 Minor Thesis - Asian Studies	Semester 1, Semester 2	37.500

Compulsory subject

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
110-590 Critical Asian Perspectives	Semester 1	12.500

Core subjects

- at least 12.5 points

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
110-475 Chinese Society and Culture	Semester 2	12.500
110-498 Political Economy of Asia	Not offered 2009	12.500
110-553 Human Rights in Southeast Asia	Semester 2	12.500
110-499 Asian Health and Development	Not offered 2009	12.500
110-588 Strategies for Communication in Asia	Not offered 2009	12.500

Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
100-574 Global Crisis Reporting	Semester 1	25.000
100-577 Strategic Political Communication	Semester 1	25.000
121-545 Understanding Development	Semester 1	12.500
166-502 International and Comparative Politics	Semester 1	25.000
161-515 Global Justice	Semester 1	12.500
166-557 Europe and Asia: Competing Hegemons?	Semester 1	12.500
100-570 Global Media: Theory and Research	Semester 2	25.000
161-514 Violence, War and Terrorism	Semester 2	12.500
166-541 Aspects of Post-Communism	Semester 2	12.500
166-547 Politics and Business in post-Mao China	Semester 2	12.500
505-425 Women and Global Health	Semester 2	12.500

Entry Requirements:

The minimum entry requirement is:

For the 200 point program:

- # an undergraduate degree with a major in Asian studies or equivalent with a grade average of H2B (70%) or equivalent in the major.

or

- # a Graduate Diploma in Arts (Asian Studies) or equivalent with a grade average of H2B (70%) or equivalent.

For the 150 point program:

- # an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) over the major or equivalent and at least one year of documented relevant professional or work experience.

For the 100 point program:

- # an honours degree in Asian studies or cognate discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) average.

or

- # an honours degree in any discipline and at least three years documented full-time equivalent years of relevant professional or work experience.

Admission process (<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/programs/applic.html>)

Core Participation Requirements:

<p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic

	requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p>
Further Study:	Students who complete the thesis may be eligible for entry into the PhD.
Links to further information:	http://www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/