

# 102AS Master of Arts (Asian Societies)

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2010 - Parkville
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	200 credit points taken over 24 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>NOTE: This course is in phase-out mode and is no longer accepting applications for admission. Current students needing assistance with course planning for completion of the course requirements should contact the Arts &amp; Music Student Centre.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Students who have successfully completed this course should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have an advanced ability to analyse major problems and issues in Asian societies;</li> <li># understand how to apply theoretical and cross-disciplinary approaches to the study of Asian societies;</li> <li># have a critical appreciation of Asian as well as Western approaches to the study of Asia;</li> <li># understand the theory and practice of research techniques appropriate to the study of Asian societies.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p><b>200 point program.</b></p> <p><b>First 100 points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># 100 points (usually 8 subjects) of advanced language and/or elective subjects (all subjects are worth 12.5 points unless indicated)</li> </ul> <p><b>Second 100 points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># one minor thesis (37.5 points)</li> <li># one compulsory subject (12.5 points)</li> <li># at least one core subject (at least 12.5 points)</li> <li># elective subjects (to total 100 points)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration: 2 years full-time / up to 4 years part-time</b></p> <p><b>150 points program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Four elective subjects taken from the first 100 points of the 200 point program (50 points)</li> <li># Remaining 100 points - refer to the second 100 points of the 200 point program above</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration: 1.5 years full-time / up to 3 years part-time</b></p> <p><b>100 point program</b></p> <p>Refer to the second 100 points of the 200 point program above</p> <p><b>Duration: 1 year full-time / up to 2 years part-time</b></p> <p>For policies that govern this degree, see <b>Academic Services Policy</b> (<a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html</a>) in the <b>University Melbourne Policy</b></p>

**Framework** (<http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/>) . Students also should also refer to information in the **Student Policy Directory**. ([http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy\\_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_alp.php?p\\_sid=fgBu7Kcj](http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj))

**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	Not offered 2010	
110-494 Postgraduate Japanese A	Not offered 2010	
110-496 Postgraduate Indonesian A	Not offered 2010	
110-493 Postgraduate Chinese B	Not offered 2010	
110-495 Postgraduate Japanese B	Not offered 2010	
110-497 Postgraduate Indonesian B	Not offered 2010	
ARBC90002 Postgraduate Arabic B	Semester 2	12.50
ARBC90003 Postgraduate Arabic A	Semester 1	12.50

**Electives**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
CHIN90003 Topics in Chinese Studies	Semester 1	12.50
INDO40003 Topics in Indonesian Studies	Semester 1	12.50
131-432 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective	Not offered 2010	
PHIL40014 Topics in Asian Philosophy	Semester 1	12.50
JAPN40003 Topics in Japanese Studies	Semester 1	12.50
MULT90002 Supervised Reading (Asia Institute)	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
CULS40006 Cultural Studies in Asia	Semester 1	12.50
DEVT40006 Gender Issues in Development	Semester 2	12.50
131-405 History, Memory and Violence in Asia	Not offered 2010	
131-422 Asia in Paradigms of World History	Not offered 2010	12.50
161-443 Political Philosophy	Not offered 2010	12.50
110-471 Islamic Language, Identity and Power	Not offered 2010	12.50

**Second 100 points**

**Thesis**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ASIA90003 Minor Thesis - Asian Studies	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75

**Compulsory subject**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ASIA90004 Critical Asian Perspectives	Semester 1	12.50

**Core subjects**

At least 12.5 points from the following:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
INTS90007 Globalisation and China	Semester 2	12.50
110-498 Political Economy of Asia	Not offered 2010	12.50
ASIA90001 Human Rights in Southeast Asia	Semester 2	12.50
110-588 Strategies for Communication in Asia	Not offered 2010	12.50

**Elective subjects**

To total 100 points:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
100-570 Global Media: Theory and Research	Not offered 2010	
MECM90009 Global Crisis Reporting	Semester 1	12.50
MECM90010 Strategic Political Communication	July	12.50
ASIA90007 Tradition & Change in Contemporary Asia	Semester 2	12.50
DEVT90009 Understanding Development	Semester 1	12.50
HIST90014 Gender: Representations and Histories	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL90009 Violence, War and Terrorism	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL90010 Global Justice	Semester 1	12.50
166-502 International and Comparative Politics	Not offered 2010	
ENST90005 Environmental Policy	Semester 2	12.50
166-541 Aspects of Post-Communism	Not offered 2010	
POLS90013 Politics and Business in post-Mao China	Semester 2	12.50
166-548 International Political Economy	Not offered 2010	
POLS90017 Europe and Asia: Competing Hegemons?	Semester 1	12.50
POLS90023 International Governance and Law	Semester 1	12.50
505-425 Women and Global Health	Not offered 2010	

**Entry Requirements:**

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**The minimum entry requirement was:****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:**

	<p># an honours degree in Asian studies or cognate discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) average.</p> <p>or</p> <p># an honours degree in any discipline and at least three years documented full-time equivalent years of relevant professional or work experience.</p>
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
<b>Further Study:</b>	Students who complete the thesis may be eligible for entry into the PhD.
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	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 globalization 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.
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>Students who complete this degree should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Demonstrate an independent approach to knowledge that uses rigorous methods of inquiry and appropriate theories and methodologies that are applied with intellectual honesty and a respect for ethical values;</li> <li># Apply critical and analytical skills and methods to the identification and resolution of problems within complex changing social contexts;</li> <li># Act as informed and critically discriminating participants within the community of scholars, as citizens and in the work force;</li> <li># Communicate effectively;</li> <li># Commit to continuous learning;</li> <li># Be proficient in the use of appropriate modern technologies, such as the computer and other information technology systems, for the acquisition, processing and interpretation of data.</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/</a>