MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ASIAN STUDIES

The master of arts in Asian studies curriculum prepares students to keep pace with a region on the path to sustained economic development as urban migration and international trade are exploding. Graduates of the program are equipped to address complex diplomatic, economic, security, and cultural issues coupled with an unprecedented rate of growth.

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Visit the program website (https://elliott.gwu.edu/academics/graduate/asian-studies) for additional program information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 9 credits in core field courses, a 4-credit capstone sequence, 9 credits in a thematic specialization courses, 6 credits in a professional specialization, a 3-credit research methods course, and 9 credits in elective courses. In addition, all students must fulfill a foreign language proficiency requirement (see below).

*See notes regarding special topics and skills courses, the capstone sequence, and the thesis option.

Additional information regarding skills courses (https://elliott.gwu.edu/professional-skills-courses), the capstone (https://elliott.gwu.edu/global-capstone), and the thesis (https://elliott.gwu.edu/thesis) is available on the Elliott School website.

Foreign language proficiency requirement
Students in the Asian studies program are required to demonstrate proficiency in a modern language other than English by passing the Elliott School-administered foreign language proficiency reading and speaking examination at the currently-required level of proficiency (https://elliott.gwu.edu/foreign-language-proficiency-requirement). The Elliott School administers foreign language proficiency examinations once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Students should plan to take the language proficiency examination as soon as possible following their matriculation in the program. Students have three opportunities to pass the examination. Failure to pass the examination for a third time results in dismissal from the program.