INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The South and Southeast Asian Studies major is a flexible, interdisciplinary program offering opportunities for both wide and comparative study of South and Southeast Asian cultures, literature, religion, and history. Students may choose from 13 languages for language study, including Bengali, Burmese, Filipino, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• It is possible to create a mixed South/Southeast Asian combination in the major; please see the undergraduate faculty adviser to discuss this possibility.
• Already have an intended major but interested in South and Southeast Asian Studies? Consider adding a double major or minor.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Immerse yourself in South and Southeast Asian language and culture through study abroad.
• Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
• Find scholarly resources, events, and research opportunities at the Institute of East Asian Studies, the Institute for Southeast Asia Studies and the Center for Buddhist Studies.

Without my SSEAS degree I never would’ve have interned at Wedu in Bangkok, and never would’ve realized that my desired career path is to help international students study in the US.

— Blair Dishon, SSEAS alumna

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**SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

**Explore locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Asia with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Connect and build community**
- Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Visit the South/Southeast Asia Library collection at the Doe Library.

**Explore your major**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10.
- Take the placement exam for your chosen language of study.

**FIRST YEAR**
- Complete the lower division prerequisites in South or Southeast Asian language and Introduction to the Civilizations of India or Southeast Asia, and declare the major.
- Review major guidelines: explore study abroad and schedule an appointment with the UG Faculty Advisor about using specific abroad courses toward the major.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Focus on upper division requirements in intermediate language, religion and history, literature courses, and electives.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about the South and Southeast Asian Studies honors program.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Explore resources from the Center for Southeast Asia Studies and Institute of South Asian Studies.
- Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.
- Consider joining the Association of Asian Studies.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Asst. Professor, Peking University
- Asst. Prof., Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa
- Associate Professor, UC Berkeley
- Associate Professor, UV-La Crosse
- Business Dev. Assoc., SF City and City
- Category Spec., Walmart E-Commerce Coordinator, AmeriCorps
- External Relations Specialist, Year Up
- Foreign Sv. Officer, US Dept. of State
- Musician
- Paralegal, Los Angeles
- PL, ACHEE for S. Asian Americans
- Student Services Asst., UC Berkeley
- Visiting Professor, Brown University

**Graduate Programs**
- Asian Studies, PhD
- International Education, Masters
- Public Health, Masters

**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates and South and Southeast Asian Studies Department**

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