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.

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.

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.

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**FIRST YEAR**

- 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.

**SECOND 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.

**THIRD 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.

**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.

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**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 SvC. Officer, US Dept. of State
- Musician
- Paralegal, Las Angeles
- PI, 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

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