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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Students can reach the Faculty Undergraduate Advisor at rospatt@berkeley.edu and the Student Affairs Officer at kristenbrooks@berkeley.edu.

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<td>Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&amp;S Mentors Program. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center. Explore the Berkeley Language Center.</td>
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