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.
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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley's annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit sseas.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

For questions and advising about the South and Southeast Asian studies major and minor, please contact the Student Advisor at kristenbrooks@berkeley.edu.

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Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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**Bachelor of Arts**

## Design Your Journey

### First Year
- **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 an A&H Gateway Course.
  - Take the placement exam for your chosen language of study.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Get to know 10 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.
- **Engage 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.

### Second Year
- **Complete the lower division prerequisites**
  - 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.
- **Explore abroad**
  - Review major guidelines. Explore study abroad and schedule an appointment with the UG Faculty Advisor about using specific abroad courses toward the major.
- **Engage**
  - Explore the Connections Networking Series.
  - Visit the Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
  - Develop a plan for getting career ready.
  - Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

### Third Year
- **Connect**
  - 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.
- **Career Counseling Library**
  - Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Assist faculty in their research through URAP.
  - Build your research skills in HUM 101: Research Bootcamp.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - CURious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
  - Apply to the Boren, Freeman-ASIA, or Critical Language Scholarship.
  - Explore the Berkeley Global Internship in Mumbai or Singapore.

### Fourth Year
- **Connect**
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCD or Cal in the Capital.
  - Get international work experience with a UCDC Study and Intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC.
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- **Career Counseling Library**
  - Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
  - Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps. Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.
  - Apply to the Fulbright ETA Program to teach English in Asia.
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## Jobs and Employers
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  - English in Asia.
  - Apply to the Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
- **Asst. Prof., Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa**
  - Associate Professor, UC Berkeley
  - Associate Professor, UW-La Crosse
  - Business Dev. Assoc., SF City and City
  - Category Spec., Walmart E-Commerce
  - Coordinator, AmeriCorps
  - External Relations Specialist, Year Up
  - Foreign Svcs. Officer, US Dept. of State
  - Musician
  - Paralegal, Los 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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