

GLOBAL ASIA STUDIES

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BA IN GLOBAL ASIA STUDIES

The Global Asia Studies major is a 36-credit multidisciplinary program. Students follow either an **Asian Languages and Cultures** track or a **Comparative Asian Studies** track. This program advances a cross-cultural understanding of Asia and the world and develops competent bilingual area specialists and professionals for graduate school, for government and international organizations, or for employment in a globalized economy. This program aims to help students develop a unique portfolio of understanding about Asia with a global outlook and to acquire practical knowledge and bilingual skills needed to thrive in today's dynamic international landscape.

Compared with other undergraduate Asian studies programs in New York City, the Global Asia Studies major at Pace University is unique because of its emphasis on interdisciplinary learning, global literacy, and career preparation. The program explores Asia's global connectivity from the past to the present, surveying the core cultures in East Asia, South Asia, and Inner Asia, and analyzing cross-cultural interactions both inside Asia, and between Asian regions and the world.

The Global Asia Studies major also gives students a chance to go beyond the core courses and participate in diversified curriculum activities. In addition to enriching the learning experience, undergraduates participating in these activities gain bilingual knowledge, work experience and skills, and the professional networks needed to succeed in today's competitive job market.

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING

This major works closely with Pace University's Global Asia Institute to provide additional credit hour Mandarin Chinese instruction, and to assist students in applying for scholarships for study in Asia. Similar services are to be added to assist students in getting scholarships for Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for students to gain a wider exposure to Asia through a semester of study at a foreign university or participating in faculty-led study trips. Our faculty offer short-term study trips to China. The program works closely with Pace University's History department, Education Abroad Department, and the Global Asia Institute to develop regular exchange programs with universities in China, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea, offering students many ways to spend a semester or year abroad.

CAREERS

Students who major in Global Asia Studies will find numerous opportunities awaiting them in global business, international law, government, medicine, science, higher education, and cultural and technological exchange. In addition to finding careers in various industries, past graduates have received fellowships to pursue their graduate education abroad, in countries such as China, South Korea, and Taiwan.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

"The Global Asia Studies degree has not only offered me insight into some of the most fascinating cultures in the world but also given me freedom to travel to South Korea to study art and linguistics. For anyone who wants to broaden their horizon, this degree is perfect!"

Deina Ristic '17,
**Benjamin A. Gilman International
Scholarship recipient**

"The best thing about the Global Asia Studies major is its flexibility. You can choose exciting courses that will help your career goals while learning about things you like! With the Global Asia Studies major, I am able to study all my areas of interest while graduating on time."

Rebecca G. Smith '17



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INTERNSHIPS AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE LEARNING

We help students to search for internships in New York City's Asian cultural institutions with the aim of testing academic knowledge against practical experience. For example, "The Individual and Society," a semester-long service learning course that immerses students in Asian-American community projects, meets the goals of local civic organizations and community-based learning. Students gain connections in the community, professional skills sets, and a deepened understanding of diasporic Asian cultures.

FACULTY

The BA in Global Asia Studies is a multi-disciplinary program that involves full-time faculty members from various academic disciplines such as History, Modern Languages and Cultures, Literature, Economics, and Communication Studies. The breadth and depth of different disciplines and faculty expertise provides a well-integrated academic structure for students to study a rich array of Asia-related topics.

The **Program Directors** are **Dr. Joseph T. H. Lee** (jlee@pace.edu), a specialist in Chinese social and religious history and **Dr. Ronald K. Frank** (rfrank2@pace.edu) whose research focus is Japanese legal history and Inner Asia.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH

Independent research in Global Asia Studies allows students to work closely with faculty on student-designed topics or on current faculty research projects. Similar to internships, independent research is a valuable part of education, providing experience critical to future employment and graduate work.

Students in our program have presented papers at regional and national scholarly conferences and have published articles on such topics as women and gender in Asian cinema, Tibetan arts and nonviolent activism, The Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, Korean War brides, US-China relations, and Russian-Chinese border relations. One recent example is Pace University student Rebecca G. Smith '17, who published with Dr. Joseph T. H. Lee a peer-reviewed article, "A Bird without Wings: A Conversational Approach toward Heritage Preservation among Tibetan New Yorkers" in *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies*.



CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Global Asia Studies offers a wide array of classroom experiences. Along with stimulating lectures and seminars, students will encounter small-group intensive language preparation, supervised independent research assignments, as well as technology-based instruction.

The program offers learning opportunities beyond traditional classroom walls. These include a number of Learning Communities, which are interdisciplinary courses taught by a team of two professors and travel courses, which literally make the world our classroom. A signature of this program is the many film-centered courses that provide an opportunity to view and study rare Asian feature films and documentaries. The program also gives students the opportunity to participate in diversified curriculum activities. Students participating in these activities gain bilingual knowledge, work experience and skills, and the professional networks needed to succeed in today's job market.

To complete this 36-credit Global Asia Studies major, students can pursue one of the following tracks:

Track 1: Asian Languages & Cultures 36–38 Credits

1. Asian Languages Courses	18–20
2. Global Asia Topical Courses	9
3. Electives	3
4. Research Seminars	3
5. Senior Thesis	3

Track 2: Comparative Asian Studies 36–38 Credits

1. Asian Languages Courses	9–11
2. Global Asia Topical Courses	18
3. Electives	3
4. Research Seminars	3
5. Senior Thesis	3