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.

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

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.
**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 an A&H Gateway Course.
- 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 Hawai‘i at Manoa
- Associate Professor, UC Berkeley
- Associate Professor, UW-La Crosse
- Business Dev. Assoc., SF City and Cty.
- Category Spec., Walmart E-Commerce Coordinator, AmeriCorps
- External Relations Specialist, Year Up
- Foreign Svc. Officer, US Dept. of State
- Musician, Paralgal, Los Angeles
- PI, ACHIEVE 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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**SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Design Your Journey**

**Connect and build community**

- Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.
- Check out the Southeast Asian Student Coalition.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Start attending South & Southeast Asian Studies department events.

**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.
- 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 100: Research Bootcamp.
- 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.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
- Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

**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.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship Course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Apply to the Boren, Freeman-ASIA, or Critical Language Scholarship.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Get international work experience with a Berkeley Global Internship in Mumbai or Singapore.
- 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.
- Attend the Berkeley Global Internship Fair.
- Apply for the Fulbright ETA Program to teach English in Asia.

**Reflect and plan your future**

- Visit 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.
- Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.
- Shadow alumni during the Cal Job Shadow Program.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
- Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

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

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