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Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [sseas.berkeley.edu](https://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](mailto:kristenbrooks@berkeley.edu).

## 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.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

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# SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

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## 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.



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“ 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

## 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**.

## 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**.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
<b>Explore your major</b>	<p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in <b>L&amp;S 1</b> and an <b>A&amp;H Gateway Course</b>.</p> <p>Take the <b>placement exam</b> for your chosen language of study.</p>	<p>Complete the <b>lower division prerequisites</b> in South or Southeast Asian language and Introduction to the Civilizations of India or Southeast Asia, and <b>declare the major</b>.</p> <p>Review <b>major guidelines</b>. Explore <b>study abroad</b> and schedule an appointment with the <b>UG Faculty Advisor</b> about using specific abroad courses toward the major.</p>	<p>Focus on <b>upper division requirements</b> in intermediate language, religion and history, literature courses, and electives.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b>.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about the <b>South and Southeast Asian Studies honors program</b>.</p>	<p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>	<p><b>Jobs and Employers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asst. Professor, Peking University</li> <li>Asst. Prof., Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa</li> <li>Associate Professor, UC Berkeley</li> <li>Associate Professor, UW-La Crosse</li> <li>Business Dev. Assoc., SF City and Cty.</li> <li>Category Spc., Walmart E-Commerce</li> <li>Coordinator, AmeriCorps</li> <li>External Relations Specialist, Year Up</li> <li>Foreign Svc. Officer, US Dept. of State</li> <li>Musician</li> <li>Paralegal, Los Angeles</li> <li>PI, ACHEE for S. Asian Americans</li> <li>Student Services Asst., UC Berkeley</li> <li>Visiting Professor, Brown University</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian Studies, PhD</li> <li>International Education, Masters</li> <li>Public Health, Masters</li> </ul> <p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates and South and Southeast Asian Studies Department.</p>
<b>Connect and build community</b>	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with <b>Berkeley Connect</b> and <b>L&amp;S Mentors Program</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore the <b>Berkeley Language Center</b>.</p>	<p>Check out the <b>Southeast Asian Student Coalition</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Start attending South &amp; Southeast Asian Studies <b>department events</b>.</p>	<p>Explore resources from the <b>Center for Southeast Asia Studies</b> and <b>Institute of South Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.</p> <p>Consider joining the <b>Association of Asian Studies</b>.</p>	<p>Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the <b>SLC Language Exchange Program</b>.</p> <p>Get support for your thesis project in the <b>Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
<b>Discover your passions</b>	<p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> or student-run <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>South/Southeast Asia Library</b> collection at the Doe Library.</p>	<p>Continue exploring with a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b>.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b>.</p> <p>Build your research skills in <b>HUM W101: Research Bootcamp</b>.</p>	<p>Apply for a <b>FLAS award</b> to support your language study.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program</b> or <b>SURF</b>.</p> <p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in <b>HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All</b>.</p>	<p>Teach your own <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Undertake an optional <b>honors thesis</b> or independent study.</p> <p>Consider submitting your work to the <b>Student Journal of Asian Studies</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p>	
<b>Engage locally and globally</b>	<p>Attend the <b>Calpalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Asia with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Go on a service-learning trip with the <b>Alternative Breaks Program</b>.</p> <p>Apply to the <b>Boren, Freeman-ASIA, or Critical Language Scholarship</b>.</p>	<p>Experience life at another UC or college on a <b>visitor and exchange program</b>.</p> <p>Study and intern in Washington D.C. with <b>UCDC</b> or <b>Cal in the Capital</b>.</p> <p>Get international work experience with a <b>Berkeley Global Internship</b> in Mumbai or Singapore.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as <b>Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State</b>.</p> <p>Apply to the <b>Fulbright ETA Program</b> to teach English in Asia.</p>	
<b>Reflect and plan your future</b>	<p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a <b>Handshake</b> account and sign up for <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b>.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Shadow alumni during a winter <b>externship</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p>	<p>Learn about <b>career fields</b> and conduct <b>informational interviews</b> with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b>.</p>	<p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	

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