

MA (ASIAN STUDIES)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MA (Asian Studies) may be taken full-time over 12 months or part-time over 24 or 36 months from the date of first registration for the programme.

Students are required to take **90 credits**; Part I comprising 60 credits of taught modules and Part II comprising 30 credits (Dissertation).

Full time (12 months)

Students take 60 credits, normally delivered in Semesters 1 and 2 (September to April), and complete the 30-credit dissertation in Semester 3 (May-September).

Part time (24 months)

In Year 1 students take 25-40 credits in Semesters 1 and/or 2. In Year 2 students take the remaining taught credits required (up to 35 credits in Semesters 1 and/or 2). In Year 2 students also undertake the 30 credit dissertation in Semesters 2 and 3.

Part time (36 months)

In Year 1 students take 15-30 credits in Semesters 1 and/or 2. In Year 2 students take 15-30 credits in Semesters 1 and/or 2. In Year 3 students take any remaining credits required in taught courses (up to 30 credits) in Semesters 1 and/or 2, and complete the 30 credit dissertation over the course of this final year.

Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

Candidates who pass at least 60 credits of taught modules may elect to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Studies (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdas/>).

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Part I		
Students take 60 credits from the following: ¹		60
AS6000	Transcultural Asia: Past, Present and Future (10)	
AS6009	Intellectual History of Korea: From Mountain Gods to Sages (10)	
AS6215	Translation in Contemporary Japanese Culture and Current Affairs (10)	
AS6300	Film and the Study of Japanese Culture (10)	
AS6400	Translation in Contemporary Korean Culture and Current Affairs (10)	
CH6032	Business, Innovation and Globalisation in China (10)	
CH6207	The Sinosphere: China in Transnational Asian Politics, Culture and Trade (10)	
CH6334	Ethnicity, Class and Gender in China (10)	
GV6010	Contemporary Global Politics (5)	

GV6012	Global Economic Policies and Institutions (5)	
<i>Undergraduate Modules (Optional)</i> ²		
Relevant modules available are as follows:		0-10
AS2002	Korea's Modern History (10)	
AS2010	History of Japanese Culture (10)	
CH2010	Wars and Revolutions - China in the 19th and 20th Century (10)	
LC1101	English for Academic Study (10)	
<i>Language Modules (Optional)</i> ³		
Asian language modules currently available in the Department of Asian Studies are as follows: ^{4,5}		0-20
Chinese		
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
CH2103	Modern Chinese Business Language - Level 2 (10)	
CH2107	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2 (10)	
CH3021	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (10)	
CH3011	Modern Chinese Business Language Level 3 (15)	
CH3019	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 3 (10)	
CH3020	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (5)	
Japanese		
AS1501	Japanese Language Level 1 (10)	
AS1502	Japanese Language Level 2 (10)	
AS1503	Japanese Language Level 3 (10)	
AS1504	Japanese Language Level 4 (10)	
Korean		
AS1601	Korean Language Level 1 (10)	
AS1602	Korean Language Level 2 (10)	
AS1603	Korean Language Level 3 (10)	
AS1604	Korean Language Level 4 (10)	
Part II		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
AS6100	Dissertation in Asian Studies	30

¹ Not all modules may be available every year.

² Students may opt to take Undergraduate modules relevant to Asian Studies up to the value of 10 credits, subject to the written approval of the Programme Co-ordinator, the Head of the relevant School (s)/ Department(s) and the module co-ordinator of the proposed alternative module, and provided that the student has not already taken the module or equivalent in their undergraduate studies. Such modules will normally come from final or penultimate year modules, except in the case of language modules.

³ Students may opt to take up to 20 credits in language modules at a level appropriate to the student's proficiency, which will be determined by the relevant language tutor. Students may not take two modules in the same language at the same proficiency level. Applicants cannot study their own native Asian language (ie Korean, Japanese, Chinese).

⁴ Students will be assessed on entry and directed to the appropriate class.

⁵ Other modules at these levels may be made available to MA Asian Studies students, e.g. to circumvent timetabling clashes.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Asian Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate critical understanding of a range of topics and academic approaches in Asian Studies;
- Make a cogent, informed and critical presentation on one or more selected topics in Asian Studies;
- Demonstrate through the Dissertation advanced understanding of a selected topic in Asian Studies;
- (Where language is studied) comprehend and communicate in one or more Asian languages in accordance with the learning outcomes of the module(s) studied.