

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Minor in East Asian History

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Specifics (see instructions):

Current Requirements	Proposed New Requirements
<p>Minor in East Asian History</p> <p>Required courses (3 credits)</p> <p>HIST 103 East Asian Civilization (SS or C)</p> <p>Elective courses (15 credits)</p> <p>Electives must be distributed in such a way that each student has no less than 6 credits in Chinese history and no less than 6 credits in Japanese history. No grade lower than a “C” in any course will be counted toward the minor. The 15 credits should be selected from the following history courses:</p>	<p>Minor in Asian History</p> <p>Required courses (3 credits)</p> <p>HIST 103 East Asian Civilization (SS or C)</p> <p>Elective courses (15 credits)</p> <p>Electives must be distributed in such a way that each student has at least 3 credits in Chinese history and at least 3 credits in Japanese history. No grade lower than a “C” in any course will be counted toward the minor. The 15 credits should be selected from the following history courses:</p>
<p>380 Women and Gender in Asia</p> <p>381 Japanese History Through Film and Literature (C)</p> <p>382 Pacific Crossings (C, SS)</p> <p>383 Japan in the Shogun Age (C)</p> <p>385 Contemporary Japan, 1945 to the Present</p> <p>387 Medicine and Health Care in China (C)</p> <p>388 Society and Culture in China (C)</p> <p>458 Japan to 1800</p> <p>459 Japan Since 1800</p> <p>477 History of China to 1644</p> <p>478 History of China, 1644 to 1912</p> <p>479 History of China, 1912 to 1949</p> <p>480 Contemporary China, 1949 to the Present</p> <p>494 Colloquium in World History and</p> <p>497 Historical Research (as applicable).</p>	<p>355 Selected Topics in History (when Asia topics)</p> <p>380 Women and Gender in Asia (C)</p> <p>381 Japanese History Through Film and Literature (C, Japanese history requirement)</p> <p>382 Pacific Crossings (C, SS)</p> <p>383 Japan in the Shogun Age (C, Japanese history requirement)</p> <p>384 Viewing History through Maps: East Asia in Native and European Cartography (C&AH)</p> <p>385 Contemporary Japan, 1945 to the Present (Japanese history requirement)</p> <p>386 Hindus, Muslims, and their Others</p> <p>388 Society and Culture in China (C, Chinese history requirement)</p> <p>390 Wars in 20th Century East Asia</p> <p>434 The Vietnam Wars in International Context (SS)</p> <p>436 The Rise of China and the United States’ Response</p> <p>458 Japan to 1800 (Japanese history requirement)</p> <p>459 The Rise of Modern Japan: From the “Black Ships” to Hatsune Miku (Japanese history requirement)</p> <p>477 History of China to 1644 (Chinese history requirement)</p> <p>478 From Marco Polo to the Opium Wars: China in the Early Modern World (Chinese history requirement)</p> <p>479 China’s Long Revolution (Chinese history requirement)</p>

	480 Mao and After: History of Contemporary China (Chinese history requirement) 494 Colloquium in World History and 497 Historical Research (as applicable).
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Rationale (see instructions):

a) What are the major departures from the current structure and why is the new structure preferable?

The major departures are: 1) change the minor title from “Minor in East Asian History” to “Minor in Asian History”; 2) change the previous area-study requirements from “no less than 6 credits in Chinese history and no less than 6 credit to Japanese history” to no less than 3 credits for each. 3) update the course list.

1). Since the establishment of this minor, the Department of History has hired new faculty in the field of Asian history, created many new courses, and changed many old ones. The teaching and research in Asian history at UMBC is significantly strengthened. Our classes now cover not only East Asia but expand to South and West Asia. Therefore, the Department proposes to change the title of the minor to “Asian History” to reflect the expanding geographical coverage.

2). As the field of Asian history is largely transforming from the previous emphasis of single-state-centered history to a new trend towards trans-national and trans-continental histories, our new courses also reflect such a transition. Therefore, the Department proposes to reduce the credit requirements for Chinese and Japanese Histories, in so doing to provide more flexible course options for students.

3). The course list needs to be updated.

b) What provisions will be made to accommodate current students if courses are discontinued?

Only one course (387), which has not been taught for many years, is discontinued due to faculty change. At the same time, more new courses are being offered. Students will have more options in course selection.

c) If there is a change in required credits, please provide a specific justification for that change.

There is no change in the total number of required credits. The new plan only reduces the requirement for Chinese and Japanese history courses specifically.