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M.A. and Ph.D. programs
2011-2013 Graduate Catalog

Information for
Prospective Graduate Students

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This handbook, and the Asian Studies Graduate Program website, reflect changes in effect for the 2011-2013 Graduate Catalog. Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the material herein. In the event of discrepancy between printed or web materials and the contents of the official 2011-2013 Graduate Catalog, the Graduate Catalog takes precedence.

Introduction and Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Asian Studies Graduate Program at The University of Texas at Austin. The University of Texas at Austin is among the nation's top fifteen research universities and is generally considered one of the five best public universities in the country. It offers many resources for interested students, including one of the country's largest research libraries. The University's graduate programs in Anthropology, Business, Classics, Geography, Linguistics, and Sociology are regularly ranked among the fifteen best in the United States. Almost all University programs are ranked in the top twenty-five nationally.



Hallway leading to Asian Studies faculty and staff offices

The Department of Asian Studies is the principal academic unit within the College of Liberal Arts for teaching and research on Asia and offers courses in a number of modern and classical Asian languages, in addition to stressing the integration of language with the study of history and culture.

The Department offers ten Asian languages: Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu. In addition to these languages, the Department has particular strengths in modern Chinese film and literature, Japanese literature and religion, and South Asian religion, culture, and law. Asian Studies is home to over 40 faculty. As a whole, the University has numerous scholars in other academic departments actively teaching and performing research on Asia, and many graduate students in other academic departments pursuing degrees with concentrations on Asia.

The academic offerings of the Department of Asian Studies are also enhanced by a variety of extracurricular activities. The South Asia Institute (SAI) and the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) regularly sponsor visiting lecturers and organize academic conference. The South Asia Institute, Center for East Asian Studies, the UT Performing Arts Center, and various student organizations present Asian films and performers, and celebrate Asian festivals and holidays.

Degree Programs

The Department of Asian Studies offers the following degree programs:

- Masters of Arts in Asian Studies (code 612100)
- Masters of Arts in Asian Studies/Master of Public Affairs (code 612300)
A dual-degree program in conjunction with the LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Masters of Arts in Asian Studies/Master of Global Policy Studies (code 647340)
A dual-degree program in conjunction with the LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Masters of Arts in Asian Studies/Master of Business Administration (code 612200)
A dual-degree program in conjunction with the Red McCombs School of Business
- Masters in Asian Cultures and Languages (code 612400)
- Ph.D. in Asian Cultures and Languages (code 612400)

MASTERS PROGRAMS

The M.A. programs in Asian Studies (ANS) provide a broad background of knowledge on Asia to students who wish to pursue a career in business, law, non-profit or government work.

The M.A. and Ph.D. in Asian Cultures and Languages (ACL) are designed for students who wish to pursue a career in scholarly research and university teaching on Asia.

Students who demonstrate third-year language proficiency before admission to the program may have the language course requirement waived, pending approval of the Graduate Adviser. Please note that the required subject matter will be waived but not the hours.

Up to six hours of upper-division undergraduate courses may be counted toward the M.A. degree.

Asian Studies Masters students may choose to complete either a traditional thesis or a report for their degree. Asian Cultures and Languages student complete a report. A thesis is a two-semester project in which the student analyzes or interprets a body of material; a thesis is usually 75 pages in length. A report is a one-semester project during which the student writes a report on a given topic or body of material that s/he has researched; Masters report should be at least 50 pages in length. Both the thesis and report require the approval of a faculty supervisor and a second reader. The supervisor must be a member of the Graduate Studies Committee.

MASTERS IN ASIAN STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Thesis option: 30 hours of coursework, including six hours of thesis:

- 12 hours of Asian Studies electives (with not more than 6 in any one discipline, such as literature, religion, visual culture, etc.)
- 6 hours Asian history courses
- 6 hours in advanced Asian language courses (third-year level or beyond)
- 6 hours of Master's Thesis

Report option: 30 hours of coursework, including three hours of report:

- 15 hours of Asian Studies electives (with not more than 9 in any one discipline, such as literature, religion, visual culture, etc.)
- 6 hours Asian history courses
- 6 hours in advanced Asian language courses (third-year level or beyond)
- 3 hours of Master's Report

LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS/ASIAN STUDIES DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS



The Department of Asian Studies and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs of The University of Texas at Austin offer two dual-degree programs: one leading to the Master of Public Affairs and the Master of Arts in Asian Studies, the other leading to the Master of Global Policy Study and Master of Arts in Asian Studies. These programs combine advanced policy studies with interdisciplinary area studies, providing a thorough understanding of Asian politics and cultures.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The dual-degree program is structured so that students can earn both Masters degrees simultaneously in approximately three academic years. Some students, particularly those who enter the program with a language deficiency, may need more time in order to complete all the requirements of the program. Degrees are awarded when the required coursework in both areas is completed. Please refer to the LBJ School of Public Affairs for further details related to the Master of Public Affairs and Master of Global Policy Study.

SUMMARY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Students must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours in public affairs, a summer internship, and 30 semester hours in Asian studies, including a master's report. Although the program is flexible, students will generally take courses in both public affairs and Asian Studies every semester and take the internship in the summer between the second and third years. See <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/degreeprograms/mpaff/dual> for more information

Dual Degree Program: Asian Studies/Public Affairs

- 21 hours of required Public Affairs core courses (Policy Development, Public Administration and Management, etc.)
- 6 hours Policy Research Project
- 9 hours Public Affairs electives
- Summer internship (in or related to Asia)

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR GLOBAL POLICY

Students must complete a minimum of 37 semester hours in global policy, a summer internship, and 30 semester hours in Asian studies, including a master's report. Although the program is flexible, students will generally take courses in both public affairs and Asian Studies every semester and take the internship in the summer between the second and third years. See <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/degreeprograms/mgps/dual/asia> for more information

Dual Degree Program: Asian Studies/Global Policy

- 22 hours of required Global Policy Study core courses (Policymaking, Microeconomics, International Systems, Crisis Management, etc.)
- 15 hours in an area of specialization
- Summer internship (in or related to Asia)
- Demonstrated proficiency in a language other than English

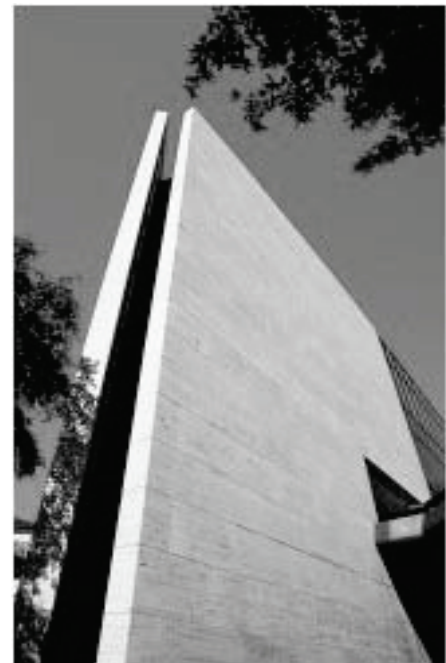
MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS/ASIAN STUDIES DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The MBA/Master of Arts in Asian Studies program combines advanced business studies with interdisciplinary area studies and language, which provides a thorough understanding of Asian politics and cultures.

Students must also have worked full-time for at least 2 years after earning their undergraduate degree. The average work experience of an MBA class is 5 years.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The joint program is structured so that students can earn both Masters degrees simultaneously in three to four academic years. Students spend their first year in the program taking Asian Studies courses and the second year



taking graduate business courses. The third year is a combination of both disciplines. Some students, particularly those who enter the program with a language deficiency, may need more time in order to complete all the requirements of the program. Degrees are awarded when the required coursework in both areas is completed. Further details can be found here:

<http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/MBA/Full-Time/Program-Information/Dual-Degree.aspx>

REQUIREMENTS

Dual-degree program: Asian Studies/Business Administration:

- 27 hours of MBA core courses
- 9 hours of approved business electives
- 6 upper-division or graduate hours Asian history courses
- 6 hours of Asian Studies electives with at least 50% business content
- 6 hours in advanced language courses (third-year level or beyond)

PLUS

- 6 hours of non-business Asian Studies electives and 6 hours Asian Studies Master's Thesis

OR

- 12 hours of non-business Asian Studies electives and 3 hours of Asian Studies Master's Report



Statue of the University mascot, Bevo

Masters and PhD in Asian Cultures and Languages

The Asian Cultures and Languages Program is designed for students who intend to pursue a career in scholarly research and university teaching on Asia. The terminal degree in Asian Cultures and Languages is the PhD. Students who are admitted to the MA program in Asian Cultures and Languages are expected to continue in the program and complete a PhD.

MASTERS IN ASIAN CULTURES AND LANGUAGES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 9 hours in the student's area of specialization (e.g., Japanese culture, Indian religion, Chinese literature, etc.)
- 3 hours graduate research methods (e.g., historiography, literary theory or criticism, etc.)
- 3 hours in general Asian historical or cultural background of the major area
- 6 hours in advanced Asian language courses (third-year level or beyond)
- 6 hours of electives
- 3 hours of Master's Report



Graduate students hanging out in the departmental kitchen.

PHD IN ASIAN CULTURES AND LANGUAGES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Coursework for the PhD in Asian Cultures and Languages consists of 15 semester hours (normally five courses of three hours each) in the major area of specialization, 9 hours in the minor area, 6 hours of method and theory courses, and also courses in research language(s) and a secondary language(s).

Language Requirements

Each student must demonstrate advanced ability in the language or languages of their primary specialization and reading ability in at least one modern research language. Students are strongly encouraged to achieve advanced competence in a second Asian language in addition to the language of their area of specialization. Specific language requirements vary depending on the student's field and should be defined in consultation with the Graduate Adviser and the faculty in the student's principal area.

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN FOR A SOUTH ASIA STUDENT (CLASSICAL INDIA)

MAJOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: CULTURES AND RELIGIONS OF INDIA

- Historical Traditions of India
- The Buddha and the Non-Buddhists
- India before Colonialism
- Bodhisattva Imagery
- Traditions of Expert Knowledge of India

MINOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: HINDI

- Contemporary Hindi Narratives
- Language and Identity at Margins of Hindi Fiction
- Hindi Drama and Film

THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

- Translating India
- Methods in the Study of Religion

RESEARCH LANGUAGE

- German for Graduate Students

OTHER LANGUAGE COURSE WORK

- Advanced Readings in Sanskrit
- Advanced Sanskrit Readings and Composition
- Hindi Readings, Composition, and Conversation
- Practice in Spoken Urdu

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN FOR A JAPAN STUDENT (LITERATURE AND GENDER STUDIES)

MAJOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: JAPANESE LITERATURE/GENDER STUDIES

- Readings in Japanese
- Gender and Power in Japanese Society
- Reading Japanese Literature
- The Practice and Theory of Censorship
- Feminist Ethnography

MINOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: JAPANESE RELIGION

- Religion and Ritual in Japan
- Readings in the History and Practice of Japanese Religion
- Zen Art

THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

- Theories of Literary Criticism
- Feminist Theory

RESEARCH LANGUAGE

- French for Graduate Students

OTHER COURSE WORK

- Core Readings in Japanese Studies (This course is required of all Japan program students)
- Third Year Korean I
- Third Year Korean II
- Civil Society in East Asia
- Women and Gender in China

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN FOR A CHINA STUDENT (FILM AND LITERATURE)

MAJOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: CHINESE FILM AND LITERATURE

- Modern Chinese Literature
- Modern and Postmodern Chinese Literary Culture
- Postcoloniality And Cinema
- Chinese Film and Literature
- World Literature and Globalism

MINOR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: CHINESE CULTURE

- High & Popular Culture in Modern China
- Globalization in East Asia
- Globalization, Culture, and Social Movements

THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

- Theories of Literary Criticism
- 20th Century Literary Theory

RESEARCH LANGUAGE

- French for Graduate Students

OTHER COURSE WORK

- Deleuze
- Literary Translation: Theory and Practice
- Introduction to Comparative Literature
- Cinematography

Candidacy

To become a doctoral candidate, the student must take a Comprehensive Examination in three or four areas in which he or she has done coursework. At the beginning of his or her PhD course work, the student and his or her mentor will develop a schedule for the comprehensive examinations. The schedule is subject to the approval of the Graduate Advisor. The examination committee consists of one chairperson and two or three other members, at least one member in each of the student's three areas. A reading list for the examination must include core items assigned by the committee. The Comprehensive Examination is a written test with three or four questions; the number of questions and the timing of the questions will be decided by the exam committee.

Normally within two weeks after completion of the written questions an oral is scheduled at which the student will be questioned about his or her written answers and related topics.



Department Chair Dr. Martha Selby (R), and PhD professional development award recipients.

Admission

The deadline for for FALL 2012 is December 15, 2011.

The Department of Asian Studies admits students for the **fall semester only**. Application to the Asian Studies Graduate Program begins with application to the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School. Important information for prospective students will be found here <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/prospective/>.

All application materials should be uploaded to the Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) website and must be received by the December 15 deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants can check their application materials and admission status online at any time. Admitted applicants will be notified by late March. Information on Applying for Graduate Admissions, including details regarding GRE scores, TOEFL, IELTS, uploading transcripts, and departmental requirements, is available here: <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/admissions/howtous.html>

Applicants should be aware that no GPA or test score assures admission. All elements of the application are taken into consideration in evaluating applicants for admission, with considerable weight given to the personal statement, letters of recommendation, and writing samples.

PRIMARY AREA OF INTEREST AND SPECIALIZATION

Applicants should identify a primary area of interest/specialization on their application

East Asia. Students who wish to specialize in East Asia normally have a Bachelors or Masters of Arts in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language and literature, or an area studies degree with a concentration in East Asia. Students must have completed at least two years of college-level Chinese, Japanese, or Korean with a grade of at least *B* in each course, or must demonstrate equivalent competence, before admission to the program.

South Asia. Students who wish to specialize in South Asia (Contemporary or Premodern) normally have a Bachelors or Masters of Arts in area studies or in a traditional discipline, with a concentration in South Asia. Most applicants have knowledge of a South Asian language before applying for admission. Students without this knowledge, whose applications are otherwise outstanding, may also be accepted.

Students in both areas may complete first- and second-year college level language coursework after they are admitted, but these courses may not be counted toward the master's degree.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

The Department of Asian Studies requires the following materials. All materials can be uploaded to the GIAC application site. **Please do not send paper unless it is requested.** Applicants who are unable to upload their materials due to technological constraints may contact the Graduate Coordinator at dasgrads@austin.utexas.edu

- ⇒ **Supplemental Information Form for the Asian Studies Graduate Program.** This is available as part of the graduate application.
- ⇒ **Statement of Purpose.** A brief statement, no more than two pages (double-spaced), describing the applicant's research interests and explaining why the applicant wishes to study at UT. Applicants are encouraged to identify faculty with whom they might work, read some of their work, and contact them directly.
- ⇒ **Three letters of recommendation.** Three letters from persons preferably acquainted with the applicant's scholastic ability. These will be used for both admission and financial aid decisions. Confidential letters, using UT's Request for Reference forms <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/admissions/forms.html>, can also be uploaded. If the recommender cannot upload the letter, it should be placed in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the flap.
- ⇒ **Two Writing Samples.** Samples of the applicant's academic work. These should be 5-15 pages in length, each. One longer sample (20+pp), is also acceptable. Research papers are preferred but not required; writing samples do not have to be on Asia- related topics.
- ⇒ **Scores for the Graduate Record Examination are required by the University.** The Department of Asian Studies requires GRE scores no more than five years old. **TOEFL** scores must be less than two years old. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Applicants who wish to submit an **IELTS** test score in place of the TOEFL must have a telephone interview with the admissions committee; telephone interviews take approximately 15 minutes and are at the applicant's expense. Contact the Graduate Coordinator to schedule a telephone interview. Please note that if ETS will not send us the results then you must retake the tests.
- ⇒ **Transcripts** are required from each four-year college and/or university attended. Transcripts can be uploaded and electronic transcripts are considered copies of the original. Students admitted to the Department of Asian Studies Graduate Program must submit original (paper) transcripts directly to the Graduate and International Admissions Center before they will be allowed to register for the fall semester.

APPLYING TO DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

All applications are handled through the Graduate and International Admissions Center. Applicants to dual degree programs must fulfill admissions requirements for both programs. Please use the correct code when applying for a dual degree and reference that code in your correspondence. Students must be admitted by **both** programs in order to be admitted to the joint program.

Campus visits are encouraged. Please e-mail the Graduate Coordinator at dasgrads@austin.utexas.edu, for an appointment and additional information. The University Visitors Center offers walking tours of the campus.



University of Texas Tower and campus (aerial view)

Financial Aid

Be **financially prepared** when you arrive in Austin! You need to be able to cover tuition, books, and expenses associated with leasing an apartment and getting settled in, as well as other normal living expenses.

The University's Office of Student Financial Services administers several long-term loan programs as well as a short-term loan program for registration and other emergency needs. You will find additional information about financial aid, as well as Hire-a-Longhorn employment opportunities, on the OSFS homepage: <http://finaid.utexas.edu/> Please note that work-study positions are only available to US citizens who have received a work-study award as part of their financial aid package.

Since applicants to the Asian Studies & Asian Cultures and Languages programs must already submit a personal statement, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation, it is not necessary to submit those items separately to apply for departmental financial aid. Applicants will automatically be considered for University fellowships and teaching assistantships. However separate applications must be made for most other financial aid including South Asia FLAS fellowships. Departmental funding is limited and students are encouraged to seek out scholarships and grants.

A summary of departmental and University funding possibilities follows:

*AID AVAILABLE TO ALL ASIAN STUDIES AND ASIAN CULTURES AND LANGUAGES
GRADUATE STUDENTS*

University Fellowships

Each year, the department may nominate up to four current graduate students for the prestigious Continuing fellowships sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies. Awards are based on Major accomplishments since entering Graduate School, a well-defined program of research, strong personal statement, and letters of recommendation. This fellowship provides a stipend for 9 months, plus a supplement for medical insurance and tuition and fee assistance for up to 9 hours per semester. Generally 80-90 awards are made annually. For more information on University Fellowships, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/funding/fellowships/continuing/>

Teaching Assistantships and Assistant Instructorships

A limited number of teaching assistantships are available for assisting Asian Studies faculty in teaching introductory undergraduate culture courses and Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Sanskrit, and Hindi language courses. These TAs are open to graduate students from any department; however priority is given to Asian Studies and Asian Cultures and Languages students.

There are also a limited number of Assistant Instructorships available to Ph.D. students in Asian Cultures in Languages. These positions provide future faculty with the opportunity to lead an undergraduate culture or language course.

Study Abroad Fellowship

Administered by the Study Abroad Office, these awards are used to support students who wish to do study abroad or research projects. Applications are due in October for programs beginning in the spring semester, and in March for summer and fall semester programs. More details can be found at <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/funding/fellowships/studyabroad.html>

AID FOR SOUTH ASIA STUDENTS

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

These fellowships are administered through the South Asia Institute using funds provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The Institute is a National Resource Center for South Asia, which means that federal money is available to support the study of modern South Asian languages taught at UT–Austin. U.S. citizens and permanent residents intending to study Malayalam, Hindi, Urdu, or Tamil may apply for FLAS fellowships. For the academic year, these fellowships provide a year-long stipend and pay for tuition and required fees. These fellowships may include a waiver to entitle a student to pay in-state tuition rates, depending on funding for that year. Summer fellowships are also available and provide a stipend and assistance for tuition and fees.

Mossiker Graduate Fellowship

These fellowships are awarded to graduate students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in which the primary focus is South Asia. These fellowships provide an academic-year stipend of \$1,000-\$10,000 and may include a waiver to entitle a student to pay in-state tuition rates,

depending on funding for that year. Applicants to either Asian Studies or Asian Cultures and Languages do not directly apply for these fellowships, but rather are nominated by the department. Incoming and continuing UT Austin students are eligible for these fellowships.

AID FOR EAST ASIA STUDENTS

China Endowment Fellowships

These fellowships are awarded to graduate students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in which the primary focus is the region of China or Taiwan. These fellowships provide an academic-year stipend of \$1,000 or more and may include a waiver to entitle a student to pay in-state tuition rates, depending on funding for that year. Students do not directly apply for these fellowships, but rather are nominated by the department. Both incoming and current ANS and ACL students are eligible for these fellowships.

Mitsubishi Fellowships

These fellowships are awarded to graduate students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in which the primary focus is the region of Japan. These fellowships provide an academic-year stipend of \$1,000-\$5,000 and may include a waiver to entitle a student to pay in-state tuition rates, depending on funding for that year. Students do not directly apply for these fellowships, but rather are nominated by the department. Both incoming and current ANS and ACL students are eligible for these fellowships.

POSCO Graduate Research Fellowship for Korean Studies

The purpose of the POSCO Graduate Research Fellowship is to fund research and some research-related expenses of graduate students engaged in the study of Korea. Grant awards may be used for expenses associated with collecting data to meet research goals such as: travel to a research site in Korea or to a library with a strong Korea-related collection; advanced Korean language training; or travel expenses associated with the presentation of preliminary research results to peers at conferences. The number and size of awards will vary annually. Additional information can be found at

<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/eastasia/resources/fellowships-and-scholarships.php>

Chinese Language Study in Taiwan

The Ministry of Education in Taiwan has granted The University of Texas at Austin a year-long fellowship for study; please see Dr. Hsieh for the list of eligible institutions. The fellowship provides tuition and a monthly stipend. Additional details available at <http://www.houstoncul.org/hes.htm>

International Students

Unless otherwise specified in the application details, international students are eligible to compete for University Fellowships, TAships, AIships, Liberal Arts Recruitment Fellowships, East Asia Graduate Fellowships, China Endowment, and Mitsubishi fellowships.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

The Graduate School's [Financing Your Education](#) page is an invaluable resource for information about and links to a variety of funding sources. The [Office of Student Financial Services](#) also has financial aid information and a search tool to help identify resources. We post announcements on the bulletin board and table in the hall across from the Graduate Program office, and forward funding opportunities to the dasgrads listserv as they come to our attention. TAs are sometimes available in other departments. Below are some of the grants and fellowships available to graduate students. Please refer to the [Financing Your Education](#) for the most recent information about these opportunities.

The **Hogg Foundation** will help UT students research sources of funding; email library@hogg.utexas.edu to request an appointment.

The Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund was created for the purpose of funding advanced education and graduate study grants. The awards are made to candidates who have outstanding undergraduate records, and have demonstrated a need for financial assistance. Applicants may not apply directly for this fellowship; each department may nominate one person per year and the University selects three nominees to send to the Foundation for consideration. Details can be found here <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/funding/fellowships/liebmann.html>

Social Science Research Council provides fellowships and grants for training and research. Deadlines vary by program.

IIE Fulbright Program

The U.S. Department of State offers opportunities for students, scholars and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. Please refer to the Graduate School's Study Abroad Fellowships page for the current status of this fellowship.

National Security Education Program (NSEP) Fellowships are administered by the Study Abroad office and enable U.S. graduate students to pursue specialization in area and language study or to add an international dimension to their education. Fellowships support students pursuing the study of languages, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. national security but are less frequently studied by U.S. graduate students.

The **American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)** is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about India and the promotion of intellectual engagement with India in American colleges and universities. More information available at <http://www.indiastudies.org/>

The UT Campus and its resources



The Littlefield Fountain and the University of Texas Tower lit up to celebrate graduation

SEMINARS

The South Asia, Japan, and China Seminars, a series of talks by distinguished speakers, meets regularly during the academic year. Email announcements are sent out in advance of each seminar. All students are invited and encouraged to attend these events.

GRADUATE ORGANIZATIONS

The China Resource Group is an active association of students who are interested in China. The group is based in the Department of Asian Studies, but includes members from other departments who are interested in Chinese studies.

The South Asian Graduate Research Journal (SAGAR) is an academic journal that is edited by graduate students in the Department; it includes articles written by graduate students nationwide.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Extensive library resources on Asia complement the Department's program. The Asian Collection of the General Libraries contains 200,000 volumes of vernacular materials and over 2,000 periodical subscriptions. Thousands more English-language holdings are housed the Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL). The Fine Arts Library includes a substantial number of slides of Asian art, and the Music Library, a growing collection of Asian recordings.

Other specialized branches of the General Libraries, such as the world-renowned rare book collection at the Humanities Research Center, contain materials pertaining to Asia. A small collection of literature, periodicals, and other resource materials on Asia is housed in the Department's reading room.

Both the Center for East Asian Studies and the South Asia Institute maintain collections of DVDs and books that are available to graduate students.

HOUSING

Whether you intend to live in University housing or off-campus, students are urged to make arrangements well in advance of registration. Single graduate students may choose to live in one of several university dormitories or co-ops. Special graduate units are sometimes available. In addition, Austin has many apartment complexes and rental houses. Here are a number of resources to assist you:

General apartment rental information

- Housing and Food Services: [information on Graduate and Family Living](#)
- [Housing Resources \(International Office\)](#)
- [Graduate School info on housing](#)
- UT's Division of Housing and Food Service – [related sites \(off campus\)](#)

Housing listings also available in local newspapers

- <http://www.statesman.com/>
- <http://www.dailytexanonline.com/>
- <http://www.austinchronicle.com/>

TRANSPORTATION

The University provides a free shuttle bus service throughout the city, and students can ride Austin's Capital Metro buses and rail line for free. Parking on campus, even with a permit, is not guaranteed. Bike racks (and some bike lockers) are also available throughout campus. [Parking and Transportation](#) has information on parking permits, shuttle bus route maps, and links to a variety of transportation resources, including [CapMetro](#).

A LITTLE ABOUT AUSTIN...

Friendly and laid-back, yet bustling with energy, Austin offers a rich and eclectic range of diversions. Located on the eastern edge of the Texas Hill Country, Austin enjoys many of the area's best natural qualities. A short drive will take you to lakes, rivers, and spring-fed pools; hiking, climbing, biking and walking excursions amidst the beautiful Texas limestone; historic sites; and rolling landscapes filled with unique indigenous flora and fauna.



The Texas state Capital photographed from the Littlefield Fountain

The capital city features more restaurants per capita than any American city, while its numerous festivals and landmarks celebrate Austin's rich multi-ethnic heritage. World-class music, art, film, theatre, dance, and sports can be enjoyed every night of the week and Austin hosts several major film, music, and technology/interactive festivals and events during the year. Visit the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau for additional information: <http://www.austintexas.org/>