

ASIAN LITERATURE, RELIGION AND CULTURE (GRADUATE FIELD)

Program Website (<https://asianstudies.cornell.edu/alrc/>)

Field Description

The Field of Asian Literature, Religion and Culture offers students interested in pursuing advanced studies of the literature, culture, religion(s), and intellectual history of any given region in East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

Students are required to take, for credit, twelve to fourteen courses (six or seven during the first year) and complete an M.A. thesis by the end of the second year. Students who wrote an M.A. thesis (in English) in their major subject before matriculation at Cornell may request a waiver of the thesis requirement. Each student then chooses three areas of specialization (usually two in the major discipline and one in another literature, theoretical field, or a different discipline) and chooses one faculty member to represent each concentration. The student works with this faculty committee to define the three areas and prepare appropriate reading lists. By the end of the third year the student must pass written and oral examinations in each subject (these are called Admission to Candidacy Exams or A Exams). By the time of the A Exams, students must be fluent in their major language and have at least a reading knowledge of a second Asian language and one non-English European language. Doctoral students are encouraged to spend a year in Asia for advanced language training or dissertation research. Teacher training and one year of classroom teaching are part of the professional preparation.

Data and Statistics

- Doctoral Program Statistics (<https://gradschool.cornell.edu/about/program-metrics-assessments-and-outcomes/doctoral-program-statistics/?SelectGradField=05>)

Field Manual

- Manual (<https://asianstudies.cornell.edu/asian-literature-religion-and-culture-phd-graduate-student-handbook/#top>)

Subject and Degrees

Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture

- Asian Literature, Religion and Culture (PhD) (<https://catalog.cornell.edu/programs/asian-literature-religion-culture-phd/>)

Concentrations by Subject

Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture

- Asian religions
- East Asian literature and culture
- South Asian literature and culture
- Southeast Asian literature and culture
- theory and method (minor)

Faculty

Nicholas Admussen (<http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/nick-admussen/>)

- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture; theory and method
- **Research Interests:** contemporary Chinese Literature, poetry and prose poetry

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- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** mainland China and its regional and ethical differences, Taiwan and indigenous Taiwanese cultures, Chinese Malaysia, Hong Kong, diasporic Sinophone writing in Europe and the Americas

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* South Asian literature and culture; Southeast Asian literature and culture

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
- **Research Interests:** East Asian religions; Buddhism

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Japanese literature and media, game studies and disability studies

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- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions; South Asian literature and culture; Southeast Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** history of Islam in Southeast Asia; contemporary expressions of Islam in Southeast Asia; religion and state; west Asia-southeast Asia connections

Arnika Fuhrmann (<http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/arnika-fuhrmann/>)

- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Southeast Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Film and Gender studies, with particular expertise on Thailand

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Concentrations: *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
Research Interests: Japanese religions

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture; Southeast Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Sinophone and trans-Asian literature and media

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* South Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Sanskrit studies, South Asian religious and intellectual history.

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
- **Research Interests:** Japanese literature; art history

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
- **Research Interests:** ancient and modern Chinese history; Chinese literary sources

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Japanese archipelago and its transregional connections with the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries

Suyoung Son (<http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/suyoung-son/>)

- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* East Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** cultural history of early modern china (1500-1900)

Ding Xiang Warner (<http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/ding-xiang-warner/>)

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- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
- **Research Interests:** Chinese literature; Medieval Chinese poetry; Chinese pedagogy

John Bradford Whitman (<http://linguistics.cornell.edu/john-b-whitman/>)

- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* Asian religions
- **Research Interests:** Japanese linguistics

Andrew C Willford (<http://anthropology.cornell.edu/andrew-c-willford/>)

- **Campus:** Ithaca
- **Concentrations:** *Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture:* South Asian literature and culture

- **Research Interests:** sociocultural anthropology, ethnicity, nationalism, globalization, symbolism, religious revivalism, Hinduism, Islam, Malaysia, India

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- **Concentrations:** Asian Literature, Religion, and Culture: East Asian literature and culture
- **Research Interests:** Korean literature and culture, Korean traditional music and performance