

# ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES DEPARTMENTAL HONORS THESIS PROGRAM

## Admission to the Program

The honors program is open to departmental majors with a 3.5 grade-point average in upper division courses in the major and a 3.0 overall GPA. Students should apply for admission by Spring Quarter of their junior year. At the time of admission, students must have completed at least two upper division courses in their major. For application forms and further information, contact the departmental undergraduate advisor. Prior to admission to the honors program, students must identify a faculty advisor, who must be a regular member of the UCLA faculty. Students must also write a two page proposal of their project, to be approved by the faculty advisor and submitted with the application forms.

Students must register their intention to undertake a thesis with the Director of Undergraduate Studies before the end of the quarter prior to taking their first honors course (Asian 198A). Students pursuing departmental honors must submit the contract for each course in the sequence courses by the end of the tenth week of the previous quarter.

## Requirements

The honors program is a three-term sequence of courses (Asian 198A, B, and C), taken **IN ADDITION** to requirements for the major. In most circumstances the 198 sequence will be undertaken in the senior year (Fall, Winter, and Spring terms), although students also have the option of taking 198A in Spring term of their junior year.

The sequence of courses culminates in the submission of a thesis. This is intended to be a substantial piece of original scholarship, forty to sixty pages in length exclusive of front matter, appendices, and bibliography. Students are expected to use an Asian language in their research, with the scope of language work to be determined in consultation with their faculty advisor.

**Asian 198A.** Development of research bibliography and survey of literature in the field of Asian Languages and Cultures. Topics are chosen through consultation with the faculty mentor. Students are expected to meet regularly with the faculty mentor to report on progress and discuss readings. Letter grading.

**Asian 198B.** Research and writing in the field of Asian Languages and Cultures under the direct supervision of a faculty mentor. Topics are chosen through consultation with the faculty mentor. Students are expected to meet regularly with the faculty mentor to report on their research, discuss drafts of thesis chapters, and revise their writing. In progress grade. Credit to be given only upon completion of course 198C.

**Asian 198C.** Completion of an honors thesis in the field of Asian Languages and Cultures based on research undertaken the previous two terms. Topics are chosen through consultation with the faculty mentor. Students are expected to meet regularly with the faculty mentor to share drafts and revise their writing. The final thesis is submitted to the faculty mentor and to the honors committee of the major for grading and honors evaluation.

## Thesis Evaluation

The thesis will be evaluated by the faculty advisor, a second reader (committee member) chosen by the student, and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Highest honors, honors, or no honors are awarded as determined by the three readers.

**To qualify for graduation with departmental honors**, students must (1) complete all requirements for the major, (2) have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better in upper division courses required for the major and an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, and (3) complete the sequence of Asian 198A-B-C.

**To qualify for graduation with departmental highest honors**, students must (1) complete all requirements for the major, (2) have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.8 or better in upper division courses required for the major and an overall GPA of 3.5 or better, and (3) complete the sequence of Asian 198A-B-C with a grade of A.

*Please note: The ALC Departmental Honors Program is separate from the Letters & Science College Honors Program.*  
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