The 21st century has been predicted to be the "Asian Century," with the role of Asia on the world stage becoming increasingly prominent. Those who wish to assume roles of leadership in this new world must first understand it. The Asian Studies Program at Saint Joseph’s University is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with this vital understanding by engaging them in the study of Asia. Offering both a major and a minor, the program emphasizes understanding Asian cultures on their own terms through an emphasis on the study of core cultural values. Careers for Asian Studies majors include not only those in areas such as international business, but also in journalism, government service, and education. As a second major, Asian Studies can open up new possibilities by adding a familiarity with Asia to a number of established career tracks.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR:**

- Visit the Asian Studies Department’s website: [http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/asianstudies/index.html](http://www.sju.edu/academics/cas/asianstudies/index.html)
- Visit the College of Arts and Science Advising Support Center located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Asian Studies Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1593
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center by calling 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ASIAN STUDIES?**
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Intelligence Analyst:** Gathers, analyzes, and evaluates information from a variety of sources, such as law enforcement databases, surveillance, intelligence networks and geographic information systems. Uses data to anticipate and prevent organized crime activities, such as terrorism.

**Business Intelligence Analyst:** Produces financial and market intelligence by querying data repositories and generating periodic reports. Devises methods for identifying data patterns and trends in available information sources.

**Reporters and Correspondents:** Collects and analyzes facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation, or observation. Reports and writes stories for newspaper, news magazine, radio, or television.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN ASIAN STUDIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**
There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Asian Studies Lecture Series
- China Summer Program
- Chinese Language Club
- Japanese Cultural Club
A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN ASIAN STUDIES:
Many graduates with degrees in Asian Studies have selected a variety of industries.

Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:
Associate Research Manager  First Production Assistant  Recruit Officer
English Teacher  Loss Prevention Agent  Research Analyst
Communications Consultant  New Media Coordinator  Residence Hall Director

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:
Asia America Initiative  Interactive Data  Philadelphia Police Department
Asia Society India Centre  Jiayu School  Seton Hall University
Best Learning  Keller Fay Group  The Research Partnership
Hideout Hill Entertainment  Mercer  U.S. House of Representatives

Some of the graduate schools in which our graduates have continued their education, in programs including Law:
Drexel University  Seton Hall University  Villanova University
Hult International Business School  The University of Connecticut
New York University  University of Pennsylvania

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS
The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE ASIAN STUDIES RESUME
See below:
EDUCATION

Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts Asian Studies and English
Minor in Chinese Language
GPA 3.85

Honors and Awards

LANGUAGE SKILLS and INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mandarin Chinese: Six Semesters (24 credits) Written and Oral Study
Fall 2009 to Spring 2012
Study Abroad: Beijing, China
Fall 2011
• Developed cross-cultural understanding through language immersion, extensive travel, and completion of culturally-specific classes.

SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Saint Joseph’s University Honors Department, Philadelphia PA
Fall 2012 to Spring 2013
Honors’ Thesis Student
• Wrote a 60-page creative non-fiction thesis that observed second-generation Asian American identity in light of conflicting parental and peer influences.
• Analyzed pre-existing research and collected personal accounts to capture individual voices within a broadly shared racial and ethnic experience.

Saint Joseph’s University Summer Scholars Program, Philadelphia PA
Summer 2011
Researcher
• Analyzed existing research on urban education to decipher prevailing trends at-risk inner city Philadelphia schools while compiling my own data on student engagement and empowerment.
• Volunteered in two inner city children’s organizations and evaluated methods for both engaging students and helping to realize student potential.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Saint Joseph’s University Writing Center, Philadelphia PA
Spring 2010 to Spring 2013
Writing Tutor
• Discussed grammar, style, content, and organization of student writing while helping to edit and revise their work.
• Collaborated with undergraduate, graduate and ESL students to produce clear, strong essays and to hone strong writing skills.
• Gained revising and editing skills in professional, academic, and creative writing.

Running Press Publishing Company, Philadelphia PA
Summer 2012
Editing Intern
• Worked collaboratively with editors in multiple editing processes including copy editing, writing and revising readers’ reports and catalog copy, formatting pictures and script, etc.
• Developed acute attention to detail by writing and editing professional work for publication.

Herr Memorial Library, Mifflinburg PA
Children’s Librarian and Activities Coordinator
Summer 2009 to 2011
• Worked collaboratively in a team of five to design and implement children’s and teen reading programs to encourage reading among low-income students.