

# ASIAN STUDIES

*“There are no limits to how we can connect Asian Studies with other majors. I can also apply my business knowledge and skills in the Asian Studies arena. Expand your horizons. Double major.”*

- Erica



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Asian Studies or a minor in Asian Studies. Majors choose one of 3 concentrations: Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies, or Comparative Asian Studies. Many students opt to combine Asian Studies with other majors or minors, including Art History, Computer Science, and History. Chinese and Japanese languages are taught at Berea.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Berea students can study abroad for a term in Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, and Thailand for the same cost as a term on campus. Other opportunities, with varying costs, exist for study in China and other Asian countries, including summer options.
- Each summer, Berea students intern at the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP) in rural Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan.
- Asian studies majors participate in student-run organizations like the Asian Student Union, Berea College Taiko Group, and South Asian Fusion Dance Ensemble.

- Berea's Asian art collection includes priceless works from China, Japan, Korea, India, and Tibet.
- More Berea alumni live in Asia than anywhere else outside of the United States.

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Asian Studies graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields at home and in Asia including:

- Teaching English as a second language in China, Japan, and South Korea
- Nonprofit leadership, foreign and domestic
- International and domestic law
- Asian sales representatives for American companies
- Careers with Asian firms in the U.S.
- College & university professors
- High school social studies teachers
- Translators
- U.S. diplomatic staff
- Video game industry



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



*"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."*

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
**Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**