Asian Studies Graduate Program

Application Instructions

The Asian Studies Graduate Application is primarily an online process. You may upload PDF copies of your statement of objectives and writing sample. Your letter of recommendation writers may upload PDF copies of your recommendation letters. You are responsible for making sure your test scores are reported through Educational Testing Services, and that your official transcripts are mailed both to the Office of Admissions (degree transcript only) and to the Asian Studies program (all college/university transcripts). See addresses below. Application deadline is January 5.

Step One: Before You Apply

1. GRE Test – All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). We suggest you take the exam 4-6 weeks before the application deadline. We must receive your official scores via Educational Testing Services no later than January 5. GRE scores must be reported to the University of Oregon (code 4846) or to Asian Languages (2601).

2. TOEFL – International students and applicants whose native language is not English must show proof of language proficiency by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

   TOEFL minimum scores - 575 on the paper-based test or 90 on the internet-based test.
   IELTS minimum scores - (Academic module) overall band score for graduate admission is 7.0.

   We suggest you take the exam 4-6 weeks before the application deadline. We must receive your official scores no later than January 5.

   TOEFL and IELTS Waiver – international students who have graduated from an accredited 4-year U.S. university or from one of the following countries: Australia, Canada (excluding Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom are not required to take the TOEFL or IELTS.

3. Graduate Employment (GE)—If you are applying for a GE, you must submit by mail (5206 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403-5206) or email to hmarston@uoregon.edu

   Application for Graduate Employment
   https://gradschool.uoregon.edu/sites/gradschool2.uoregon.edu/files/GE%20application.pdf#overlay-context=staff/gtf-forms

GTF assignments may be in Asia content courses, taught in English, or in East Asian language classes, depending on applicant abilities and program needs.
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4. Transcripts – Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited 4-year university by the time of admission. International students must submit the final transcripts in both the original language and an official English translation.

Transcripts must be mailed to two locations on the University of Oregon campus:

1. Office of Admissions – undergraduate transcript showing completed degree.
   Send transcript to:
   Office of Admissions
   1217 University of Oregon
   Eugene OR 97403-1217

2. Asian Studies Program – all transcripts from college or university course work including the final transcripts for any degree received. If you are a University of Oregon student, you may order transcripts through DuckWeb.
   Send transcript(s) to:
   Asian Studies Program
   5206 University of Oregon
   Eugene, OR 97403-5206

Late Graduation – If you have not graduated at the time of application, please send transcripts showing latest term completed. If you are accepted for admission, your official degree transcript must be sent as soon as you have graduated.

Step Two: Apply Online

1. The University of Oregon Application to the Graduate School and to the Asian Studies program is found at the following link: [http://gradweb.uoregon.edu/online_app/application/guidelines.htm](http://gradweb.uoregon.edu/online_app/application/guidelines.htm)
   o An application fee of $70 must accompany this application ($90 for international applicants)
   o Note: If you are an international student and do not have a social security number, leave that line blank.

2. Some of the components of the application are:
   a. Special area: tell us which part of the world you expect to focus your studies.
   b. Languages (other than English that you can read with competence): please list your second language(s) here.

Application Uploads:

3. Writing sample (research paper or essay written in English, including citations, on an Asia-related topic)
4. Statement of Objectives
5. *Three letters of recommendation* from references who can evaluate your academic potential will be uploaded by your letter writer after you’ve completed entering the following information for each: name, position, institution, street address, telephone and email. We will contact each letter writer, and ask her/him to upload her/his recommendation. We encourage you to do this step early in your application process, to allow letter writers as much time as possible to upload their letters. If you have paper copies of recommendation letters, you may send these by mail to the Asian Studies program at the address listed above for sending transcripts. You will list all the information about your letter writer in the online form. There is a check box for “Send by Mail” on the online form.

**Step Three: For International Students (if your application is accepted for admission)**

U.S. Government regulations require that the University of Oregon verify the availability of sufficient financial support for non-immigrant students before a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) can be issued. International students must submit supporting financial documents (e.g., Graduate Teaching Fellowship (GTF) appointment contract, scholarship award letter) and/or bank statements with their applications. Students planning to be sponsored by an agency, government or other sponsor should have proof of financial support sent from the sponsoring agency (e.g., a letter from the sponsor and copies of the sponsor’s bank statement).

*International applicants must provide this information to Admissions using the Supplementary Application Financial Statement for International Students.*

[http://gradweb.uoregon.edu/online_app/application/FinancialStatement.pdf](http://gradweb.uoregon.edu/online_app/application/FinancialStatement.pdf)

*The Graduate School maintains a webpage with additional information for International applicants:*

[http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/international-applicants](http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/international-applicants)

*International Affairs is another good resource for International Students.*

[http://international.uoregon.edu/](http://international.uoregon.edu/)

**QUESTIONS?**

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