

Africa/Asia Certificates

The African Studies Center has been a leader in training Africa Specialists and producing African research since its founding in 1953. The ASC has an expanding faculty, rich curriculum, and an African Language Program that rivals any in the country.

The Center for the Study of Asia, established in 2008, promotes interdisciplinary, cross-national understanding of Asia through coordination of teaching missions, support of research, and community-building among faculty and students.

Pardee School regional certificate programs complement any BU graduate degree by enabling students to master interdisciplinary regional knowledge.

African Studies Certificate

Egypt, Ghana, Congo, Namibia – explore Africa, a continent rich in diversity, opportunity, and challenges.

“I chose BU because of the remarkable African studies program. The faculty associated with the African Studies Center, the weekly seminars and events, and the language offerings are a perfect fit for my interests.” Maddie Powell, IRRN with African Studies 2016

Asian Studies Certificate

China, India, Japan, Malaysia – discover the vast world of Asia, a region full of ancient cultures and modern dynamism, and home to over half of humanity.

“The Pardee faculty includes academic experts who understand the intellectual content inside and out, as well as professors of the practice who understand the real world applications of that same content. If you want not only to master the theories but also to know where and how to use them, you will want to come to the Pardee School.” Christopher Stille, MAIA with Asian Studies 2017

Certificate Requirements

- Successfully complete at least 16 credits of coursework through classes primarily focused on Africa/Asia, with a grade of B or better in each course.
- Include classes from at least two departments or schools.
- Complete either the capstone MA Paper or two substantial research papers in graduate-level seminars on African/Asian topics.
- Demonstrate reading knowledge of: an African language or a European language used in African studies/an Asian language relevant to the course of study.

