

# ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES



## WHY STUDY ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES?

Asia is a diverse continent with powerful histories and compelling modern cultures.

From the ancient origins of Chinese civilisation through to K-pop and the latest Japanese robots, Asian nations comprise some of the world's fastest-growing and most powerful economies. Achieve an understanding of how the Asian region operates through studying its languages and cultures and gain a more profound international perspective.

### CHINESE

The second largest economy in the world and the largest in the Asia-Pacific region. As New Zealand's number one trading partner, it continues to become more important.

### JAPANESE

Anime, sushi, manga, Pokémon – our daily lives are inundated with creations from Japan, the world's third largest economy.

### KOREAN

Korea combines a rich history, cutting-edge technology and lively pop culture and holds a unique place in contemporary international relations.

### ASIAN STUDIES

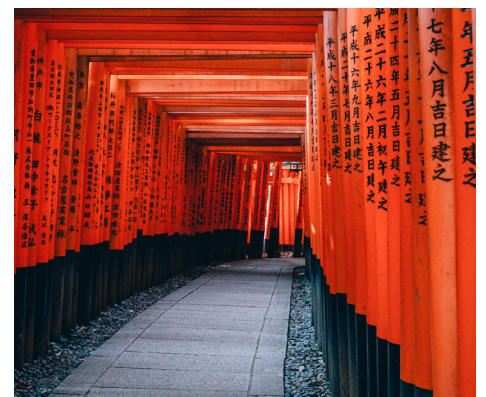
Gain a deep understanding of Asia, focusing on its politics, history, pop culture, geography, religion, philosophy and economies.

*“Studying a language gives you access to other cultures and equips you with the invaluable ability to communicate across borders. It opens doors to new opportunities, whether it's working in international business, diplomacy, or fostering meaningful relationships with individuals from other cultures.”*

**Karen Huang**  
Senior Lecturer

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Japan, China and South Korea are becoming increasingly important trading partners of New Zealand and people with proficiency in these languages and an understanding of the cultures are in high demand. Knowing another language is a great way to distinguish yourself from other graduates and boost your employability.



## WAYS TO STUDY LANGUAGES

You can study languages as part of one of the following programmes, if you already have some ability, we will place you into a level which is right for you. You can take Asian Studies as one of your majors in the BA or study the Asia region as part of a Global Studies degree.

### Bachelor of Arts [auckland.ac.nz/arts/ba](https://auckland.ac.nz/arts/ba)

A major in Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Asian Studies, combines language skills with knowledge of the region including language, history, politics and culture. Or, if you want to study a language while majoring in other Arts subjects you can take a Modern Language module, allowing you to take advantage of study abroad opportunities and enrich your BA journey.

### Bachelor of Global Studies [auckland.ac.nz/arts/bachelor-of-global](https://auckland.ac.nz/arts/bachelor-of-global)

Learning another language is a key component of the Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt). This programme combines language and area study with a consideration of contemporary global issues.

### Certificate or Diploma in Languages [auckland.ac.nz/arts/dip-lang](https://auckland.ac.nz/arts/dip-lang)

You can take an Asian language as part of a Certificate in Languages (CertLang) or a Diploma in Languages (DipLang). Both are usually taken in conjunction with another degree, including the BA.

## Courses you could study\*

Japanese Language\*\*

Exploring Japan

Beginning Modern Chinese\*

Rethinking China

Korean for Beginners\*

Korea through TV, Drama and Film

Images of Asia

New Zealand and Asia

## BA complementary majors include:

Chinese, Korean, or Japanese



Asian Studies

Communication

Politics and International Relations

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

## 360 International exchange programme



Study at a foreign university for up to two semesters while earning credits towards your degree. We have a range of partner universities in China, Japan and Korea to choose from: [auckland.ac.nz/360](https://auckland.ac.nz/360)



*“I have a passion for learning Japanese, and will use the opportunity to study at Sophia University in Tokyo to fully immerse myself in the language.”*

### Julian Peddie

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Japanese + TESOL

\* Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit the Arts website. Published August 2023

\*\* If you have studied a language before, you may be able to start at a higher level depending on the results of a placement test.

For enrolment information visit:

[auckland.ac.nz/askus](https://auckland.ac.nz/askus)



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