The Asian studies minor prepares students to thrive in a world shaped by the dynamic societies of East Asia and South Asia. In this interdisciplinary curriculum, students gain a solid global foundation by exploring the history, culture and politics of these world regions. Students study music and literature, along with public health, the environment and more. In addition, students are encouraged to take courses in a language such as Chinese or Japanese.

Students also benefit from the Center for Asian Studies, which creates collaborative research and exchange agreements with academic centers across Asia, among other opportunities by way of USC's Walker Institute. The minor helps students apply lessons from the region locally and globally, and it makes an excellent addition to a primary area of study in languages and cultures, political science, law, pre-health, business and nonprofit administration. Asian studies is one of six interdisciplinary minors focused on international regions and global themes.