



CURRICULUM FOR BACHELOR OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES

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❖ Objectives

The Bachelor Asia-Pacific Studies aims to cultivate highly qualified graduates with a comprehensive understanding of politics, economics, society, and culture within the Asia-Pacific region. Graduates are equipped with in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge of their chosen major (American studies, Chinese studies, Korean studies, or Japanese studies) and proficiency in relevant foreign languages. They possess strong research capabilities, professional leadership ability, and a commitment to self-improvement. In addition, they demonstrate the ability to work effectively both independently and in diverse professional settings, demonstrating adaptability in a multicultural and internationally integrated environment. Furthermore, graduates demonstrate professional ethics, social responsibility, and a commitment to contributing to their communities.

❖ Program Learning Outcomes

After completing the program for Bachelor of Asia – Pacific studies, students will achieve this following learning outcomes:

PLO code	PLO description	Level
KNOWLEDGE		
PLO 1	Explain key concepts and topics of political philosophy and ideology in Vietnam as well as fundamental knowledge of politics, economics, culture, society, and law.	2/6



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PLO 2	Use principles and laws of history and social science to interpret events and developments in the Asia-Pacific region.	3/6
PLO 3	Apply complementary knowledge of international economics, international law, international communications, and diplomacy to study and research international relations issues in the Asia-Pacific region.	3/6
PLO 4	Apply international relations theories, foundational knowledge of the history of international relations, and basic research methodologies to understand events and issues in the country relevant to the chosen specialisation and in the wider Asia-Pacific region.	3/6
PLO 5	Compare the practice of international relations in the Asia-Pacific region with Vietnam's foreign policy, drawing on specialized knowledge on international politics, international security, regional studies, and foreign policy analysis.	4/6
PLO 6	Analyze issues related to the selected country-in-focus (America, China, Japan, or South Korea) based on applying in-depth knowledge about various aspects of the country, including its people, history, culture, economy, politics, and media landscape.	4/6



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SKILLS		
PLO 7	Demonstrate skills of analysis, reasoning, critical thinking, and problem-solving in international relations and foreign affairs activities.	4/5
PLO 8	Perform soft skills such as presentation, project management, working individually, and in groups to meet job requirements in various contexts.	3/5
PLO 9	Show basic diplomatic skills such as diplomatic protocol, organizing diplomatic visits and international events, international correspondence, writing reports, negotiating, etc.	4/5
PLO 10	Integrate at least 1 foreign language into reading, translating, collecting information, writing reports, and delivering presentations on a range of topics in the specialized field.	4/5
PLO 11	Adapt basic information technology skills to search, integrate, and process information and data for professional tasks.	3/5
AUTONOMY AND RESPONSIBILITY		
PLO 12	Demonstrate professional responsibility, integrity, and constructive collaboration, while engaging in autonomous and lifelong learning to enhance performance in diverse work environments.	3/5
PLO 13	Integrate civic awareness, community responsibility, and commitment to respecting national interests into ethical decision-making and professional conduct.	4/5



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❖ Program Content

1. General Knowledge: 13 credit points

(The total number of credits (13) excludes those of Digital Competence, Physical Education, and National Defense Education)

	Course unit title	Course unit code	Credit points	Language of instruction
1	Marxist-Leninist Philosophy	FC.001.03	03	Vietnamese
2	Marxist-Leninist Political Economy	FC.002.02	02	Vietnamese
3	Scientific Socialism	FC.003.02	02	Vietnamese
4	Ho Chi Minh's Ideology	FC.004.02	02	Vietnamese
5	History of the Communist Party of Vietnam	FC.005.02	02	Vietnamese
6	Introduction to Vietnam's Legal System	IL.003.02	02	Vietnamese
7	<i>Digital Competence</i>	<i>IT.002.02</i>	<i>02</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>
8	<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>AAD.001.03</i>	<i>03</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>
9	<i>National Defense Education</i>	<i>AAD.002.08</i>	<i>08</i>	<i>Vietnamese</i>

2. Foreign Language Knowledge: 24 credit points

The Bachelor program for Asia-Pacific Studies requires students to complete 24 credits of foreign language study. Students are required to study one foreign language corresponding to their major: English for American studies, Chinese for Chinese studies, Japanese for Japanese studies, and Korean for Korean studies.



3. Complementary Knowledge: 15 credit points

Students choose 05 courses from the following combination

	Course unit title	Course unit code	Credit Points	Language of instruction
1	Vietnam's Foreign Policy	IR.046.03	03	Vietnamese
2	Diplomatic Service	IR.025.03	03	Vietnamese
3	International Economic Relations	IE.006.03	03	Vietnamese
4	International Business	IE.042.03	03	Vietnamese
5	Introduction to International Communication	IC.061.03	03	Vietnamese
6	Cultural Diplomacy	IC.010.03	03	Vietnamese
7	Public International Law	IL.005.03	03	Vietnamese
8	Constitutional Law of Vietnam and other countries	IL.003.03	03	Vietnamese

4. Professional Knowledge and Skills: 59 credit points

	Course unit title	Course unit code	Credit points	Language of instruction
General Professional Knowledge: 4 credit points				
1.	History of World Civilizations	FC.007.02	02	Vietnamese
2.	Introduction to Political Science	FC.010.02	02	Vietnamese



Specialized Professional Knowledge: 30 credits

Compulsory courses: 15 credit points

1	Introduction to Asia-Pacific Studies and Regional Studies	AP.001.03	03	Vietnamese
2	Geopolitics of Asia-Pacific	AP.003.03	03	Vietnamese
3	Asia-Pacific Security	IR.016.03	03	Vietnamese
4	Country Studies of China/ Country Studies of Korea/ Country Studies of Japan/ Country Studies of America	AP.004.03 AP.014.03 AP.024.03 AP.034.03	03	Vietnamese/ Corresponding language
5	Chinese History/ South Korean History / Japanese History / American History	AP.005.03 AP.015.03 AP.025.03 AP.035.03	03	Vietnamese/ Corresponding language

Elective courses: 15 credit points (Students are required to complete 05 courses within their specialization, selecting 03 courses marked (*) and 02 courses marked ())**

China Studies

1.	Political System of China*	AP.006.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
2.	Chinese Political Ideologies and Religions*	AP.007.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
3.	Chinese Foreign Policy*	AP.008.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese



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4.	China's Foreign Relations in Asia-Pacific*	AP.050.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
5.	China - Vietnam Relations*	AP.051.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
6.	Chinese Economy**	AP.010.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
7.	Chinese Culture**	AP.052.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
8.	Social Issues of Contemporary China**	AP.053.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
9.	Chinese Media **	AP.013.03	03	Vietnamese/ Chinese
Korean Studies				
1.	Political System of South Korea *	AP.016.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
2.	South Korean Ideologies and Religions*	AP.017.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
3.	South Korean Foreign Policy *	AP.018.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
4.	South Korea's Foreign Relations in the Asia-Pacific*	AP.054.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
5.	South Korea - Vietnam Relations *	AP.055.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
6.	South Korean Economy**	AP.020.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
7.	South Korean Culture**	AP.056.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean



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8.	South Korean Corporate Culture **	AP.022.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
9.	South Korean Society **	AP.057.03	03	Vietnamese/ Korean
Japan Studies				
1.	Political System of Japan*	AP.026.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
2.	Japanese Political Ideologies and Religions*	AP.027.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
3.	Japanese Foreign Policy*	AP.028.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
4.	Japan's Foreign Relations in Asia-Pacific*	AP.058.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
5.	Japan-Vietnam Relations*	AP.059.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
6.	Japanese Economy **	AP.030.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
7.	Japanese Culture**	AP.060.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
8.	Japanese Corporate Culture**	AP.032.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese
9.	Japanese Society**	AP.061.03	03	Vietnamese/ Japanese



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American Studies				
1.	Political System of America*	AP.036.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
2.	America Political Ideologies and Religions *	AP.037.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
3.	American Foreign Policy*	AP.038.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
4.	America's Foreign Relations in Asia-Pacific*	AP.062.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
5.	America -Vietnam Relations*	AP.063.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
6.	American Economy**	AP.040.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
7.	American Society and Culture**	AP.041.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
8.	American Business Culture**	AP.066.03	03	Vietnamese/ English
9.	American Media**	AP.043.03	03	Vietnamese/ English



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Specialized Professional Skills: 16 credit points				
Compulsory courses: 6 credit points			08	
1	Text Drafting Techniques	IR.024.02	2	Vietnamese
2	Analysis of Asia-Pacific Events	AP.047.03	3	Vietnamese
3	International Negotiation	IR.026.03	3	Vietnamese/ Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean/ English
Elective courses: 08 credit points (<i>Students choose 03 courses from the following</i>)			08	
1	Critical thinking Skills	E.041.02	2	Vietnamese
2	Presentation Skills	AP.044.02	2	Vietnamese/ Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean/ English
3	Intercultural Communication	AP.048.03	3	Vietnamese/ Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean/ English
4	Project Management	E.032.03	3	Vietnamese
5	Career Development	E.034.03	3	Vietnamese



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5. Career Orientation and Graduation: 12 Credit points*

No.	Course Unit Title	Course Unit Code	Number of credits	Language of Instruction
1	<i>Career Orientation</i> (*)	AAD.080.02	2	Vietnamese
2	<i>Graduation Internship</i> (*)	AP.045.03	3	Vietnamese
3	Graduation: a/ Graduation Thesis b/ 04 Alternative courses from Specialized Professional Knowledge	AP.046.12	12	Vietnamese/ Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean/ English

(*Credits for Career Orientation and Internship courses are not included)

(Based on their academic results, competencies, and the availability of supervisors, students are eligible to either undertake a graduation thesis or complete four remaining elective courses in their area of specialization.