ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT
Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Asian studies or a minor in Asian studies. Students may pair their Asian Studies major with several different minors including Economics and Business, Foreign Language, and History. Both Chinese and Japanese language are taught at Berea.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS
• As a result of a partnership between Berea College and the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP), each year a small group of Berea students has the opportunity to spend a summer working at a diverse non-profit in rural Yamanashi Prefecture, located just a few hours’ travel west of Tōkyō, Japan.
• There are 9 study abroad programs for Asian Studies students across China, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand. Berea students often receive federal scholarships to help fund these experiences.
• Asian studies majors participate in student-run organizations like the Asian Student Union, Berea Anime and Manga Club (BAM), Berea College Taiko Group, and South Asian Fusion Dance Ensemble.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES
Berea Asian Studies graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields at home and in Asia including:
• Teaching English as a second language in China, Japan, and South Korea
• Nonprofit leadership, foreign and domestic
• International and domestic law
• Asian sales representatives for American companies
• Careers with Japanese firms in Kentucky
• Asian Studies Professors
• Academic administrators
• Translators
• U.S. government careers
• Video game industry

“There are no limits to how we can connect Asian Studies with other majors. I can also apply my business knowledge and skills in the Asian Studies arena. Expand your horizons. Double major.”

Erica Berejnoi
WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern workplace.

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Percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

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Percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.

“People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today’s workplace.”

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies