

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

Department Background

Our curriculum emphasizes multidisciplinary, comparative, transnational, and intersectional perspectives; original empirically-based scholarship; cultural production and analyses; and community engagement.

In consultation with our faculty and staff advisors, students in the minor have the exciting opportunity to select an emphasis or specialty organized around our faculty's areas of intellectual focus including —Immigration, Labor, & Transnationalism; Visual, Literary, & Cultural Studies; and Public/Community-Engaged Scholarship. The department is also developing an emphasis on Health through its emerging partnerships. Each emphasis incorporates a diverse array of thematic, theoretical, disciplinary, and methodological approaches—as well as a focus on a broad range of Asian American communities—allowing students to choose a course of study that aligns with their particular academic and career interests. The minor in Asian American studies can complement a range of majors. In the past and currently our minors have majored in areas of academic study that range across the social sciences and humanities (Sociology, Anthropology, History, English and others) as well as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) fields.

Career Alternatives

With the multidisciplinary emphasis of our program, an Asian American studies minor provides excellent preparation for a diverse range of careers. Our alumni have established successful careers in the arts, community-based and non-profit organizations, government and politics, human rights, journalism, international relations, law, K-12 education, public health, public policy, social work, and student affairs in higher education. Others have gone on to pursue postgraduate degrees in a wide variety of fields that include education, ethnic studies, fine arts, feminist & queer studies, history, law, literature, political science, public policy, sociology, and social work. Our department has fostered close relationships with our alumni who are committed to supporting our minors with their career plans.

General Education Requirements

A large number of the courses offered by the Department fulfill a wide range of general education topical breadth and core literacy requirements that include:

Topical Breadth

- Arts & Humanities
- Social Sciences

Core Literacy

Literacy with Words & Images

- Writing Experience
- Oral Skills
- Visual Literacy

Civic & Cultural Literacy

- American Cultures, Governance, & History
- Domestic Diversity
- World Cultures

Minor Advisor

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Substitutions for disciplinary track courses will be considered by the Department Chair on a case-by-case basis. Likewise, any substitutions of Major/Minor criteria will be considered by the Department Chair.

Direct questions pertaining to the following courses to the instructor or to the Department of Asian American Studies in 3102 Hart Hall; 530-752-2069. Also find relevant contact information at Asian American Studies (<https://asa.ucdavis.edu/>).

Code	Title	Units
Preparatory Subject Matter		
Choose two:		8
ASA 001	Historical Experience of Asian Americans	
ASA 002	Contemporary Issues of Asian Americans	
ASA 003	Methods in Asian American Studies	
ASA 004	Asian American Cultural Studies	
Preparatory Subject Matter Total		8
Choose five:		20
ASA 100	Asian American Communities	
ASA 102	Theoretical Perspective in Asian American Studies	
ASA 112	Asian American Women	
ASA 113	Asian American Sexuality	
ASA 114	Asian Diasporas	
ASA 115	Multiracial Asian Pacific American Issues	
ASA 116	Asian American Youth	
ASA 121	Asian American Performance	
ASA 130	Asian American Literature	
ASA 131	Ethnicity, Culture, & the Self	
ASA/SPH 132	Health Issues Confronting Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders	
ASA 141	Asian Americans & the Political Culture of Fashion in the U.S. & Asia	
ASA 150	Filipino American Experience	
ASA 150B	Japanese American Experience	
ASA 150C	Chinese American Experience	
ASA 150D	Korean American Experience	
ASA 150E	Southeast Asian American Experience	
ASA 150F	South Asian American History, Culture, & Politics	
ASA 155	Asian American Legal History	
ASA 189A	Topics in Asian American Studies: History	
ASA 189B	Topics in Asian American Studies: Culture	
ASA 189C	Topics in Asian American Studies: Physical & Mental Health	
ASA 189D	Topics in Asian American Studies: Policy & Community	

ASA 189E	Topics in Asian American Studies: Comparative Racial Studies
ASA 189F	Topics in Asian American Studies: Asian Studies & Asian American Studies
ASA 189G	Topics in Asian American Studies: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality
ASA 189H	Topics in Asian American Studies: Society & Institutions
ASA 189I	Topics in Asian American Studies: Politics & Social Movements
ASA 192	Internships ¹
ASA 198	Directed Group Study ²
ASA 199	Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates ³
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Total Units	28

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No more than 4 units of ASA 192 may be counted toward this total.

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No more than 4 units of ASA 198 may be counted toward this total.

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No more than 4 units of ASA 199 may be counted toward this total.