

Asian American Studies

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Undergraduate Program

The Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies major at UC Berkeley is dedicated to the multidisciplinary study of historical and contemporary experiences of Asian-ancestry groups in local, national and global contexts. Although attention is focused on Asians in the US, the program situates the experiences, contributions, issues, and concerns of Asian American communities within their larger transnational and diasporic contexts. Connections among Asian communities in the US and around the world are explored in terms of the entangled histories and circuits of migration and the interconnected space through which people, capital, ideas, influences, and activism flow between Asia and the US and among Asian diasporic communities.

Major Requirements

Lower Division (4 courses): Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 20A; Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 20B or 20C; and two courses from the following: Ethnic Studies 10AC, 11AC, 20AC, 21AC, or 41AC.

Upper Division (8 courses): Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 131; Ethnic Studies 101A or 101B; Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 197 (4 units total); and completion of one course from each group below:

- *Group 1 (History):* 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, or 128AC;
- *Group 2 (Community Studies):* 125, 132AC, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 150, 151, or 165;
- *Group 3 (Cultural Studies):* 138, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, or 183.

Two additional electives that can be satisfied with related courses from outside departments (i.e., Asian Studies, History, East Asian Languages and Cultures, South & Southeast Asian Studies), additional courses from the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies curriculum, other UC campuses, EAP courses from an Asian university, or Asian language courses.

Honors Program

The Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program will provide a program leading to the BA degree with honors. A student will be recommended for honors if the student has completed at least 30 units and two semesters with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 for all work undertaken in the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program. Students must also have been approved specifically for honors by the chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies Chair and the vice chair of the Department of Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies upon the recommendation by the faculty adviser for the major. The honors

student will be required to complete H195A/B Senior Honors Seminar for Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Majors. In order to graduate with a BA degree with honors, a student must obtain at least 3.5 GPA for all coursework undertaken at the university.

Minor Requirements

Five elective courses from Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128AC, 131, 132AC, 138, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 150, 151, 165, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 183, 190, or 190AC.

ASAMST R2A Reading and Composition 4 Units

Department: Asian American Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 7.5 hours of Lecture and 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: 1, UC Entry Level Writing Requirement or equivalent.

Through the study of the literary, political, social and psychological dimensions of representative works of Asian American literature, this course introduces students to close textual analysis, fosters critical judgment, and reinforces academic writing skills. Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

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Formerly known as 2A.

ASAMST R2B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Department: Asian American Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 7.5 hours of Lecture and 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: 2A, English 1A or equivalent.

This course examines literary works by Asian American, African American, Chicano, and Native American writers in their political and social contexts, focusing on similarities and differences between the experiences of ethnic minorities in the U.S. Emphasis is on literary interpretation and sustained analytical writing. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Formerly known as 2B.

ASAMST 20A Introduction to the History of Asians in the United States 4 Units

Department: Asian American Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 10 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

Introductory comparative analysis of the Asian American experience from 1848 to present. Topics include an analysis of the Asian American perspective; cultural roots; immigration and settlement patterns; labor, legal, political, and social history.

Students will receive no credit for Asian American Studies 20A after taking XAsian American Studies 20A but may remove a deficient grade.

ASAMST 20B Introduction to the Contemporary Issues in the Asian American Communities 4 Units

Department: Asian American Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks. 8 hours of Lecture and 2 hours of Discussion per week for 6 weeks.

An introduction to Asian American communities and the social, economic, and political issues they confront. The diverse range of communities, both suburban and urban, will be surveyed and situated within a domestic and