

# Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies (ASAMST)

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## Courses

### ASAMST R2A Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

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.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Satisfaction of the Entry Level Writing Requirement

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

#### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week  
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Final exam not required.

### ASAMST R2B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Previously passed an R\_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R\_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Final exam not required.

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

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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.

#### Rules & Requirements

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

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

#### Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week  
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 20AC Asian American Communities and Race Relations 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

This course will be a survey of contemporary issues affecting the Asian American community. We will look at the different theories that explain the current status of Asian Americans and the interrelationship between the Asian American community, nation, and world. The course will focus on the issue of race relations, the commonalities and differences between Asian Americans and other race and ethnic groups.

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students who have already taken ASAMST 20B are not eligible to receive credit for ASAMST 20AC.

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Asian American Studies 20B

## ASAMST 20B Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

The course examines critical issues in Asian American communities today. In particular, the course will focus on key themes, such as immigration, identity, discrimination, mental health and political power. An important objective of this course is educating students on social justice issues facing the Asian American community.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

## ASAMST 20C Cultural Politics and Practices in Asian American Communities 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

Analysis of social, intellectual, and artistic currents in Asian American communities. Focus will be on social practices, popular culture, the arts and expression (e.g. language and literature), and the historical and political contexts in which they are produced and consumed.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST W20AC Asian American Communities and Race Relations 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Fall 2020

This course will be a survey of contemporary issues affecting the Asian American community. We will look at the different theories that explain the current status of Asian Americans and the interrelationship between the Asian American community, nation, and world. The course will focus on the issue of race relations, the commonalities and differences between Asian Americans and other race and ethnic groups.

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for Asian American Studies W20AC after completing Asian American Studies 20AC. A deficient grade in Asian American Studies 20AC may be removed by taking Asian American Studies W20AC.

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 1 hour of web-based discussion per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of web-based lecture and 2.5 hours of web-based discussion per week

**Online:** This is an online course.

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructors:** Dong, H.

## ASAMST 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2021, Fall 2018

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 freshmen.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 39 Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Priority given to freshmen and sophomores

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1.5-2 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

## ASAMST 97 Field Studies in Asian American Communities 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

University organized and supervised field program involving experiences in schools, school-related activities, community and community-related activities.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Restricted to freshmen and sophomores; consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-9 hours of fieldwork per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of fieldwork per week

10 weeks - 4.5-13.5 hours of fieldwork per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## ASAMST 98 Supervised Group Study 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Group study of selected topics which will vary from semester to semester.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Restricted to freshmen and sophomores; consent of instructor

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## ASAMST 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual research on a topic which leads to the writing of a major paper.

Regular meetings with faculty sponsor.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor; limited to freshman and sophmores. Consent of instructor

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## ASAMST 121 Chinese American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Chinese American history, 1848 to present. Topics include influence of traditional values, Eastern and Western; patterns of immigration and settlement; labor history; the influence of public policy, foreign and domestic, on the Chinese individual and community.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 122 Japanese American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This course will be presented as a proseminar with selected topics in order to give students an opportunity to participate in the dynamics of the study of Japanese American history. Topics include immigration, anti-Japanese racism, labor, concentration camps, agriculture, art and literature, and personality and culture.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 123 Korean American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Fall 2005

Koreans in America from 1876 to the present. Topics include comparative immigration and settlement patterns; labor and socio-economic life; political activities; community organization; and issues related to the contemporary population influx.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 124 Filipino American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Topics include consequences of the Spanish-American War on Filipino emigration; conditions in Hawaii and California and the need for Filipino labor; community development; changing relations between the U.S. and the Philippines; effects of the independence movement and World War II on Filipino Americans; and contemporary issues.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 125 Contemporary Issues of Southeast Asian Refugees in the U.S 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Spring 2019

This course will introduce students to the sociocultural, economic, educational, and political issues facing Southeast Asian refugees in the U.S. While the course focus is on the Asian American experience, references will be made to the pre-migration experiences and histories of the Southeast Asian refugee groups. The processes and problems in the formulation of refugee programs and services in the U.S. also will be addressed in their implications for refugee resettlement and adaptation experience. Emphasis will be placed on comparative analyses of the Southeast Asian refugee communities.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 126 Southeast Asian Migration and Community Formation 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2010, Fall 2009

This course will examine Southeast Asian migration and resettlement in the U.S. in the context of the United States involvement in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnam War. It will also address the post-war "legacies" and their impact on the societies and politics of the three countries as well as neighboring states in the region. Asylum politics and refugee camp experiences will be addressed in the discussion of the formation of U.S. resettlement policies and of the adaptation of Southeast Asian refugees.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 127 South Asian American Historical and Contemporary Issues 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2019

Examines immigration and social history of South Asian Americans from the early 20th century to present. Development of South Asian American communities within the social, political and economic contexts of South Asia and the U.S.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 128AC Muslims in America 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The course traces Islam's journey in America. It will deal with the emergence of identifiable Muslim communities throughout the U.S. and focus on patterns of migration, the ethnic makeup of such communities, gender dynamics, political identity, and cases of conversion to Islam. The course will spend considerable time on the African American, Indo-Pakistani, and Arab American Muslim communities since they constitute the largest groupings. It also examines in depth the emergence of national, regional, and local Muslim institutions, patterns of development pursued by a number of them, and levels of cooperation or antagonism. The course seeks an examination of gender relations and dynamics across the various Muslim groupings, and the internal and external factors that contribute to real and imagined crisis. The course seeks to conduct and document the growth and expansion of mosques, schools, and community centers in the greater Bay Area. Finally, no class on Islam in America would be complete without a critical examination of the impacts of 9/11 on Muslim communities, the erosion of civil rights, and the ongoing war on terrorism.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 131 Asian Diaspora(s) from an Asian American Perspective 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Analyzes the global presence of an Asian group with a significant U.S. population: migration/settlement history, transnational economic/political/cultural interactions between diasporic communities and with land of origin, impact on Asian American community/identity formation. Instructor selects group(s).

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 132 Islamophobia and Constructing Otherness 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010

This course will examine and attempt to understand Islamophobia, as the most recently articulated principle of otherness and its implications domestically and globally. The course will also closely examine the ideological and epistemological frameworks employed in discourses of otherness, and the complex social, political, economic, gender-based, and religious forces entangled in its historical and modern reproduction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 132AC Islamophobia and Constructing Otherness 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course will examine and attempt to understand Islamophobia, as the most recently articulated principle of otherness and its implications domestically and globally. The course will also closely examine the ideological and epistemological frameworks employed in discourses of otherness, and the complex social, political, economic, gender-based, and religious forces entangled in its historical and modern reproduction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.



## ASAMST 138 Topics in Asian Popular Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Topics in Asian popular culture. Analysis of historical and contemporary issues addressed in popular media focused on a specific Asian country, such as 1990s Hong Kong cinema, fifth generation Chinese films, films of China and Taiwan, Japanese and Korean anime, South Asian and Bollywood cinema, and South Korean film and television drama. Course topics will vary with the expertise of the particular instructor.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 141 Law in the Asian American Community 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2024

Course will examine the nature, structure, and operation of selected legal institutions as they affect Asian American communities and will attempt to analyze the roles and effects of law, class, and race in American society. May be taken with 197.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or 20B

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 143AC Asian American Health 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course examines the state of Asian American health, the historical, structural, and cultural contexts of diverse Asian American communities, and the role of race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status in the production of unequal outcomes between Asian Americans and other racial/ethnic groups as well as across different Asian American subgroups.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** Asian American Studies 143

## ASAMST 143B Advancing Health Equity for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course examines community health theories, contemporary issues, and culturally responsive approaches to advance health equity for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Students will gain foundational knowledge on structural discrimination and racism as the root cause of poor community health; and explore contemporary issues such as gentrification, incarceration, human trafficking, community trauma, mental health, and stigmatized chronic/infectious diseases. The course will include guest presentations, case studies, professional skills training, and field trips to Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander-serving clinics and community-based organizations.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

## ASAMST 144 Religions of Asian America 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

This course will examine how Asian American communities engage religion and how, in turn, they are shaped by the different facets of religious life. Religion is examined in the form of major traditions- Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity- and readings will introduce students to key concepts, practices, and institutions which help to define these trajectories.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 145 Politics, Public Policy, and Asian American Communities 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2011, Spring 2010

An examination of the purpose, power, and function of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government and their relationship to the Asian American community. The course presents a range of contemporary issues to illustrate how government institutions and the Asian community define issues and respond to political challenges.

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students that have already taken ASAMST 145AC will not receive credit for taking ASAMST 145.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 145AC Politics, Public Policy, and Asian American Communities 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

An examination of the purpose, power, and function of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government and their relationship to the Asian American community. The course presents a range of contemporary issues to illustrate how government institutions and the Asian community define issues and respond to political challenges.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or 20B

**Credit Restrictions:** Students that have already taken ASAMST 145 will not receive credit for taking ASAMST 145AC.

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8-8 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Formerly known as:** Asian American Studies 145

## ASAMST 146 Asian Americans and Education 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

This course examines the historical and contemporary issues which shape the educational experiences of Asian Americans. Critical issues such as bilingual education, university admissions, and the education of Asian immigrants as well as theoretical models of Asian American academic success will be explored and critically analyzed.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.



## ASAMST 150 Gender and Generation in Asian American Families 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018

The influence of cultural legacy, ethnic background, immigration history, community structure, class and economic status, and racism on gender and generational relations in the Asian American family.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or 20B

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 151 Asian American Women: Theory and Experience 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2013, Spring 2012

Examines the historical and contemporary experiences of Asian American women in relation to work, sexuality, intellectual and artistic activity, and family and community life as well as the development of Asian American feminist thought and its relation to cultural nationalism.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 20A or 20B

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 151AC Asian American Women: Theory and Experience 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

Examines the historical and contemporary experiences of Asian American women in relation to work, sexuality, intellectual and artistic activity, and family and community life as well as the development of Asian American feminist thought and its relation to cultural nationalism.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Asian American Studies 20A or 20B

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for Asian American Studies 151AC after completing Asian American Studies 151. A deficient grade in Asian American Studies 151 may be removed by taking Asian American Studies 151AC.

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 152 The Second Generation Asian American Experience 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course offers a critical sociological examination of what it means to be a 1.5 and second-generation Asian American today. Since the liberalization of immigration policy in 1965, immigrants and their children are becoming an increasing and emergent demographic of American society. In major American cities they comprise over 50% of the population. How does the second-generation Asian American experience compare to other racial groups? How is the second-generation changing the United States' racial and ethnic structure? How is the second generation becoming American? We will explore these questions through second-generation Asian American experiences of race and ethnicity, religion, family, education, dating, and mental health.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Instructor:** Chen

## ASAMST 171 Asian Americans in Film and Video 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Introduces students to films and videos by and about Asian Americans; presents an overview of the development of the Asian American media arts field in relation to current cultural theories and American film history and theory.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 172 Asian American Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Introduces students to representative works of Asian American literature by writers from the major ethnic subgroups; examines the works in their sociohistorical context; analyzes thematic and formal elements intertextually to form a coherent understanding of the Asian American literary tradition.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 173 Creative Writing 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

Instruction and practice in forms and techniques of prose, verse, drama or other writing as an expression of Asian American experiences and a contribution to evolving Asian American culture; may focus on specific genres or tasks depending on instructor.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 174 Topics in Asian American Literature and Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

This course invites students to explore specific themes, developments, histories, or forms within the literature and culture of Asian American communities, such as coming of age stories, contemporary migration, space and politics, race and technology, speculative fiction, and war and empire. Analysis will span works from different Asian American subgroups and examine the relationship between cultural production and social, political, and historical developments. The specific course topic in a semester will vary with the aims and expertise of the particular instructor.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

## ASAMST 175 Contemporary Narratives on the Philippines and the United States 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

The course will examine the various strategies of (re-)narrating colonial/neocolonial history in three genres: literature (novels, short fiction, poetry), essays, and films from the Philippines and the United States. Notions such as imperialism, nation, narration, history, nationalism, memory, ethnicity, language, power, gender, and subject formation will be discussed.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

## ASAMST 176 Genre in Asian American Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Investigates specific genres in Asian American literature (e.g., autobiography, biography, drama, etc.) in terms of formal characteristics, innovations, comparisons of works from various subgroups in relation to counterparts in dominant Anglo-American tradition.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 178 Gender and Sexuality in Asian American Literature and Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2015, Summer 2005 10 Week Session

Explores gender/sexuality issues in Asian American literature and culture, such as simultaneous construction of gender/ethnicity/race/culture; heterosexual (masculinist/feminist) and gay/lesbian cultural projects; the body; family relations; matrilineal and patrilineal traditions. Instructor selects focus.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 181 Chinese American Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Spring 2009

Analyzes literary representations of contemporary and/or historical experiences of Chinese Americans; genre, formal, and stylistic features; definition of cultural identity and development of literary tradition. Primarily English-language works, some translations from Chinese.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 183 Korean American Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2010

Critical readings of major Korean American literary work, including autobiography and personal memoir, autobiographical fiction, poetry, short stories and novel, with attention to conditions surrounding the production and consumption of these writings.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 190 Seminar on Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

Advanced seminar in Asian American Studies with topics to be announced at the beginning of each semester.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## ASAMST 194A Asian Pacific American Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The Asian Pacific American Theme House (APATH) seminar is designed to provide APATH community members and any other UC Berkeley students interested in finding an academic and rigorous space to learn about university culture and expectations and to explore their interests in Asian American Studies, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) identities, communities, leadership and career aspirations. The fall semester focuses on transition to college through the lens of AAPI issues and experiences of Asians in the U.S. The spring semester focuses on strategies of persistence and tenacity. This yearlong course is a required component for APATH residents however the course is open to any Berkeley students to enroll.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

## ASAMST 194B Asian Pacific American Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The Asian Pacific American Theme House (APATH) seminar is designed to provide APATH community members and any other UC Berkeley students interested in finding an academic and rigorous space to learn about university culture and expectations and to explore their interests in Asian American Studies, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) identities, communities, leadership and career aspirations. The fall semester focuses on transition to college through the lens of AAPI issues and experiences of Asians in the U.S. The spring semester focuses on strategies of persistence and tenacity. This yearlong course is a required component for APATH residents however the course is open to any Berkeley students to enroll.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Alternative to final exam.

## ASAMST 195 Senior Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Writing of a thesis under the direction of member(s) of the faculty.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 4 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

## ASAMST H195A Senior Honors Thesis for Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Majors 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Course for senior Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies majors designed to support and guide the writing of a senior honors thesis. For senior Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies majors who have been approved for the honors program.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing. Approval of Faculty Advisor, 3.5 GPA on all University work, and a 3.5 GPA in courses in the major

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** H195

## ASAMST H195B Senior Honors Thesis for Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Majors 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

Course for senior Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies majors designed to support and guide the writing of a senior honors thesis. For senior Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies majors who have been approved for the honors program.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing. Approval of Faculty Advisor, 3.5 GPA on all University work, and a 3.5 GPA in courses in the major

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** H195

## ASAMST 197 Field Study in Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Supervised fieldwork experience with campus and community organizations related to the vision and mission of Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies. This University organized and supervised field program is an opportunity for students to think critically about the work of engaged scholarship through their participation a variety of community-based activities and events. Students will be required to meet regularly with a faculty sponsor and submit a final project.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-9 hours of fieldwork and 0-2 hours of seminar per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of fieldwork and 0-0 hours of seminar per week  
10 weeks - 4.5-13.5 hours of fieldwork and 0-0 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

## **ASAMST 198 Supervised Group Study 1 - 3 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Group study of selected topics which will vary from semester to semester.

### **Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## **ASAMST 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual research on a topic which leads to the writing of a major paper. Regular meetings with faculty sponsor.

### **Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

### **Summer:**

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.