ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AAS)

Courses

**AAS 100 Intro Asian American Studies** credit: 3 Hours.
Interdisciplinary introduction to the basic concepts and approaches in Asian American Studies. Surveys the various dimensions of Asian American experiences including history, social organization, literature, arts, and politics. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 120 Intro to Asian Am Pop Culture** credit: 3 Hours.
Introductory understanding of the way U.S. popular culture has affected Asian Americans and the contributions Asian Americans have made to U.S. media and popular culture since the mid 1880’s. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 184 Asian American Cultures** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ANTH 184 and SOC 124. See ANTH 184. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar** credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours.

**AAS 200 U.S. Race and Empire** credit: 3 Hours.
Invites students to examine histories and narratives of U.S. imperialism and racism, drawing upon multiple theoretical and methodological works in Asian American studies and related fields. Same as LLS 200.

**AAS 201 US Racial & Ethnic Politics** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as AFRO 201, LLS 201, and PS 201. See PS 201. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 211 Asian Americans and the Arts** credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of Asian American artistic expressions in the visual and the performing arts providing historical, theoretical, and conceptual foundations of understanding the history of various art genres in Asian American communities. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or AAS 120, or consent of instructor. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 215 US Citizenship Comparatively** credit: 3 Hours.
Examines the racial, gendered, and sexualized aspects of US citizenship historically and comparatively. Interdisciplinary course taught from a humanities perspective. Readings draw from critical legal studies, history, literature, literary criticism, and ethnography. Same as AFRO 215, AIS 295, GWS 215, and LLS 215. Prerequisite: One of: AAS 100, AAS 120, AFRO 100 AIS 101, GWS 250, LLS 100. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 224 Asian Am Historical Sociology** credit: 3 Hours.
Explores concepts of colonization, international labor migration, race, nation, assimilation, and class formation through socio-historical examinations of diverse groups categorized as Asian Americans. Same as SOC 224. Prerequisite: AAS 100. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 246 Asian American Youth in Film** credit: 3 Hours.
Examines both mainstream and independent films and documentaries representing and/or produced by Asian American youth. Explores the role of multiculturalism and diversity issues in informing young people’s experiences. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 250 Asian American Ethnic Groups** credit: 3 Hours.
Intensive interdisciplinary study of a particular Asian American Ethnic group (specific ethnic group focus will change every semester). May be repeated in the same or separate terms to a maximum of 9 hours. Prerequisite: Any AAS course at the 100- or 200-level or consent of instructor.

**AAS 258 Muslims in America** credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the study of Muslims in the United States and broadly the history of Islam in the Americas. Using a comparative approach, we study how the historical narrative of African American and Latino Muslims relates to newer immigrant populations, primarily Arab American and South Asian American Muslim communities. Same as LLS 258 and REL 258.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 260 Intro Asian American Theatre** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as THEA 260. See THEA 260. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 265 Politics of Hip Hop** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as LLS 265. See LLS 265.

**AAS 281 Constructing Race in America** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as AFRO 281, HIST 281, and LLS 281. See HIST 281. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 283 Asian American History** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HIST 283. See HIST 283. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 284 Adv Topics in Asian America** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ANTH 284. See ANTH 284. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Cultural Studies - US Minority

**AAS 286 Asian American Literature** credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ENGL 286. See ENGL 286. 
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: 
Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - US Minority
AAS 287  Food and Asian Americans  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the interdisciplinary study of food to better understand the
historical, social, and cultural aspects of Asian American food
preparation, distribution and consumption. Students will investigate the
politics and poetics of Asian American foodways by examining social
habits, and rituals around food in restaurants, ethnic cookbooks, fictional
works, memoirs, magazines, and television shows. Prerequisite: AAS 100
or AAS 120, or consent of instructor.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

AAS 290  Individual Study  credit: 2 to 3 Hours.
Supervised reading and research in Asian American Studies chosen by
the student with instructor approval. May be repeated to a maximum of 6
hours. Prerequisite: AAS 100.

AAS 291  Hinduism in the United States  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as REL 291. See REL 291.

AAS 297  Asian Families in America  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HDFS 221 and SOCW 297. See SOCW 297.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci
Cultural Studies - US Minority

AAS 299  Begin Topics Asian Am Studies  credit: 3 Hours.
May be repeated in the same or subsequent terms to a maximum of 6
hours.

AAS 300  Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality  credit: 3 Hours.
Explores theories for performing interdisciplinary, intersectional and
comparative studies within the field of Asian American studies. Follows
multiple genealogies of critical work in ethnic and American studies.
Same as GWS 305 and LLS 305.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Cultural Studies - US Minority

AAS 310  Race and Cultural Diversity  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as AFRO 310, EPS 310, and LLS 310. See EPS 310.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Cultural Studies - US Minority

AAS 315  War, Memory, and Cinema  credit: 3 Hours.
Interdisciplinary examination of the ways that memories of war, trauma,
and immigration are produced through the medium of film. Because
war has been key to discourses and practices of imperialism and
globalization, some questions addressed will include how these wars
have impacted the nation and the global order, as well as how images
about these wars produced important constructions of race, gender,
and sexuality for national and cultural identities. Also examines the
aftereffects of war by analyzing connections between war’s trauma,
race, immigration, and incarceration. Students will read critical texts,
film theory, screenplays, and view films. Same as GWS 315. Prerequisite:
AAS 100 or AAS 120, or consent of the instructor.

AAS 328  Asian Americans & Inequalities  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as SOC 328. See SOC 328.

AAS 346  Asian American Youth  credit: 3 Hours.
Explores cultural production of second-generation Asian American
youth as a historical and social formation. Course examines how youth
are actively shaping the U.S. landscape in terms of identity formation,
youth, culture, education, juvenile justice, politics and activism, and
community formations. These experiences are examined in backdrop of
larger historical, economic, racial, social and political forces in the United
States. Same as HDFS 341.

AAS 355  Race and Mixed Race  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as LLS 355 and SOC 355. See LLS 355.

AAS 365  Asian American Media and Film  credit: 3 Hours.
An examination of media generally and films and videos more specifically
(experimental, documentary, independent, and Hollywood features) by,
for, and about Asian Americans. Same as MACS 365. Prerequisite: Any
AAS course at the 100- or 200-level, or consent of instructor.

AAS 370  Immigration, Law, and Rights  credit: 3 Hours.
Exploration of the histories, cultures, and experiences of immigration to
the United States by examining cultural production (literary and visual
narratives and texts) alongside legal discourses (legislation, federal court
cases). Same as LLS 372.

AAS 375  Prisons, Race, and Terror  credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of the U.S. prison regime, focusing on three dimensions of
U.S. imprisonment – criminal justice, immigrant detention, and martial
imprisonment, particularly under the War on Terror. Same as LLS 377.

AAS 390  Intermed Topics Asian Am St  credit: 3 Hours.
May be repeated in the same or subsequent terms to a maximum of 6
hours.

AAS 395  Adv Asian Am Undergrad Reading  credit: 2 or 3 Hours.
Supervised reading and research in upper level Asian American Studies
topics chosen by the student with instructor approval. May be repeated
to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: AAS 100.

AAS 400  Critical Ethnic Studies  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Examines the formation of the field of Critical Ethnic Studies and
elaborates its key concepts, such as settler colonialism, indigeneity,
heteropatriarchy, decolonization, and liberation. Same as LLS 460. 3
undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

AAS 402  Asian American Education  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as EPS 402. See EPS 402.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Cultural Studies - US Minority

AAS 435  Commodifying Difference  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as AFRO 435, GWS 435, LLS 435, and MACS 432. See LLS 435.

AAS 465  Race, Sex, and Deviance  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as AFRO 465, GWS 465, and LLS 465. See LLS 465.

AAS 479  Race, Medicine, and Society  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as ANTH 479 and LLS 479. See LLS 479.

AAS 484  Asian Diasporas  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as ANTH 484. See ANTH 484.

AAS 485  The Politics of Fashion  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as GWS 485. See GWS 485.
AAS 490  Adv Topics in Asian Am Studies  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  
Research seminar on specialized topics in Asian American Studies. 3 or 4 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or any Asian American Studies course, or consent of instructor.

AAS 501  Theory and Methods in AAS  credit: 4 Hours.  
Foundational gateway course for graduate study in Asian American Studies, examining the political, historical, epistemological, and cultural bases of the field through an intensive reading of canonical works and study of core concepts in the field. Also highlights the problems of interdisciplinary research and scholarship and adopts an intersectional and coalitional approach to Asian American Studies as it assumes the necessary linkages between other areas in ethnic/racial and gender/sexuality studies.

AAS 539  Youth, Culture and Society  credit: 4 Hours.  
Same as EPS 539 and HDFS 539. See HDFS 539.

AAS 561  Race and Cultural Critique  credit: 4 Hours.  
Introduction to graduate level theoretical and methodological approaches in Comparative Race Studies. As a survey of theories of race and racism and the methodology of critique, this course offers an interdisciplinary approach that draws from anthropology, sociology, history, literature, cultural studies, and gender/sexuality studies. In addition, the study of racial and cultural formation is examined from a comparative perspective in the scholarship of racialized and Gender and Women's Studies. Same as AFRO 531, ANTH 565, GWS 561, and LLS 561.

AAS 585  Doctoral Training & Beyond  credit: 2 Hours.  
Same as GWS 585 and LLS 585. See GWS 585.

AAS 589  Readings in Asian Am Studies  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.  
Individual guidance in intensive readings in the literature of one or more subdivisions of the field of Asian American Studies. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

AAS 590  Asian Am Studies Seminar  credit: 2 to 4 Hours.  
Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.