

# LEARNING OUTCOMES: ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES, MINOR

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## Learning Outcomes for the Graduate Minor in Asian American Studies

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1. **Theoretical Approaches** Graduate students acquire proficiency in the field and area of Asian American Studies, and more generally the field of Ethnic Studies. This includes knowledge-based in intersectional, comparative, and interdisciplinary approaches and critical theories. While largely based in an area approach to the United States, Asian American Studies is also deeply concerned with transnational, diasporic, and global studies. Students learn the theories and methods of the social sciences and humanistic approaches toward the graduate concentration in Asian American Studies.
2. **Critical Inquiry and Discovery** Applying theories in Asian American Studies, students develop skills of critical inquiry that draw on intersectional and comparative approaches. As a mode of discovery students exercise their skills using methods of the social sciences and humanities through verbal communication in the classroom and written research projects. Students are asked to apply their critical modes of learning in original and unique projects of discovery through advanced research in a professional concentration.
3. **Effective Teaching and Community Engagement** Graduate students study analytical concepts and models of community engagement related to the history of Asian American Studies. Reflection based on these approaches provides a context from which to understand the role of classroom learning and the application of theories of social change in community engagement.
4. **Social Awareness and Cultural Understanding** Graduate students learn the dimensions and breadth of intersectional analysis. This includes the social, cultural, economic, and political issues concerning Asian Americans, and in relation to other social groups. The different social theories of power are examined to understand the categories of analysis such as race, gender, sexuality, class, ethnicity, religion, and disability, to name a few.
5. **Intersectional Analysis and Interdisciplinary Methods** Graduate students gain an understanding of the global dimensions of intersectional approaches in a broad range of fields and disciplines including literary, historical, cultural and ethnographic methods. Through the study of migration and diaspora, the broad understanding of individual and collective dynamics are observed, analyzed, and theorized. Students are presented with comparative frameworks to understand how race, gender, and sexuality, for example, are thought of from a number of vantage points. Students are introduced to the practice of interdisciplinary methodologies that emerge out of Asian American Studies and related fields.