**ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

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The Department of Asian American Studies offers a campus-wide Interdisciplinary Minor. This minor represents a coherent program for students who wish to deepen their study of Asian American histories, experiences, contemporary issues and social problems as a part of their liberal education and understanding of a diverse and transnational United States. It is relevant to curricula such as letters and sciences, business, economics, education, health studies, pre-law, social work, and urban and regional planning.

**Interdisciplinary Minor in Asian American Studies**

A student's plan of courses for the minor must be approved by the Department of Asian American Studies. The minor will consist of 21 hours of approved courses from diverse departments and must include:

- **AAS 100** Intro Asian American Studies  
  3 credits

3 courses in the Humanities and 3 courses in the Social Sciences from Asian American Studies Program approved course list  

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Total Hours  

21 hours

No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement.

AAS Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/AAS)

**Courses**

- **AAS 100** Intro Asian American Studies  
  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:  
  UIUC: Social Sciences  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 120** Intro to Asian Am Pop Culture  
  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:  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 184** Asian American Cultures  
  3 Hours.  
  Same as ANTH 184 and SOC 124. See ANTH 184. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:  
  UIUC: Social Sciences  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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

- **AAS 200** U.S. Race and Empire  
  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.

- **AAS 201** US Racial & Ethnic Politics  
  3 Hours.  
  Same as AFRO 201, LLS 201, and PS 201. See PS 201. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:  
  UIUC: Social Sciences  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 211** Asian Americans and the Arts  
  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:  
  UIUC: Literature and the Arts  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 215** US Citizenship Comparatively  
  3 Hours.  
  Examines the racial, gendered, and sexualized aspects of U.S. 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:  
  UIUC: HistPhilosoph Perspect  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 224** Asian Am Historical Sociology  
  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:  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 246** Asian American Youth in Film  
  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:  
  UIUC: Social Sciences  
  UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

- **AAS 250** Asian American Ethnic Groups  
  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.

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 04/2016
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 RLST 258.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 260  Intro Asian American Theatre  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as THEA 260. See THEA 260.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 265  Politics of Hip Hop  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as THEA 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:
UIUC: HistPhilosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 283  Asian American History  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HIST 283. See HIST 283.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: HistPhilosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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:
UIUC: Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 286  Asian American Literature  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ENGL 286. See ENGL 286.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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:
UIUC: Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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.
Introduction to the historical, religious, and socio-cultural aspects of Hinduism in the US. The role of Hinduism in the maintenance of the ethnic identity of Indians in the US will be examined in the context of the rituals, languages, temples, family, and other social organizations. The maintenance and/or shift of the features of traditional (Indian) Hinduism in the transplanted counterpart in the US will be examined. Same as RLST 291. Prerequisite: RLST 104 or RLST 286 or consent of instructor.

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:
UIUC: Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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:
UIUC: Advanced Composition

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:
UIUC: Advanced Composition
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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 317  Asian American Politics  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as PS 317. See PS 317.

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 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 402  Asian American Education  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as EPS 402. See EPS 402.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
UIUC: Advanced Composition
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

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.