

Asian American Studies (AAS)

AAS 301 Introduction to Asian American Studies 3 Hours

Introduces the interdisciplinary study of Asian immigrants and Asian Americans in the United States. Explores key concepts, including immigration history, identity and community formation, cultural representation, and the intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality.

AAS 302 Immigration and Ethnicity 3 Hours

Examine the changing population of the United States from colonial times to present.

AAS 303 Introduction to the Asian Diaspora 3 Hours

Examine the global dispersal of Asian populations from the mid-1800s to the present.

AAS 310 Introductory Topics in Asian American Studies 3 Hours

An introduction to Asian American studies through a variety of disciplines.

AAS 310.1 Psychological Perspectives on Asian American Identity 3 Hours

Examines the unique culturally-influenced psychologies of various Asian American groups, including such concepts as identity formation, enculturation, assimilation and resistance, and racial and psychological normativity.

AAS 310.2 Race, Politics, and Identity in Asian America 3 Hours

An introduction to Asian American politics. Subjects include the American political process, and the historic and contemporary role of Asian Americans within that process.

AAS 310.3 Mixed Race Identities 3 Hours

Analyzes the historical and contemporary significance of issues of race" and "mixing" in a North American context. Subjects include the situation of "mixed race" people throughout United States history; historical policies that have shaped racial formation in the United States; comparative conceptions of "mixed" people transnationally; and racial, ethnic, and cultural identity.

AAS 310.4 Asian American Creative Arts 3 Hours

Issues and identities shaped by issues of race, ethnicity, gender, immigration status, and family dynamics. These subjects are explored through production of literary, artistic, performance, or other creative projects.

AAS 310.5 Race, Immigration, and Family 3 Hours

Introduction to family systems in the United States in a post-WWII framework with a central focus on Asian Americans. Students will investigate how gender, race, and ethnicity intersect and inform our understanding of the institution of the family.

AAS 310.6 Asian American Film History 3 Hours

AAS 312 Introduction to Asian American History 3 Hours

Introduces students to the national and transnational histories of Asian Americans in the United States. Explores a wide range of themes related to the Asian American experience.

AAS 314 Asian American Literature and Culture 3 Hours

Explores how authors and artists over the course of the past century have imagined what it means to be Asian American. Covers a diverse range of Asian immigrant histories and the formation of Asian American identities according to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and citizenship.

AAS 318Q Supervised Research 3 Hours

Supervised, student-derived research in Asian American studies.

AAS 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Asian American Studies 1-9 Hours

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AAS 320C Contemporary Asian American Novels 3 Hours

AAS 320D Asian American Media Cultures 3 Hours

Examine popular and critical roles, representations, and politics of Asian Americans in U.S. media including Hollywood cinema, U.S. network and cable television, Asian American independent film, and online media.

AAS 320F Documenting Difference 3 Hours

Explore the theory, history, practice and poetics of minority documentary, as well as the related fields of oral history and archiving with a particular emphasis on Asian American examples.

AAS 320G Race, Internet, and Social Media 3 Hours

Explores the critical, theoretical and practical analysis of race and new media.

AAS 320J Japanese Popular Culture: Anime, Manga, and the Otaku 3 Hours

Examine a wide variety of Japanese popular media within the historical context during which these unique cultural forms developed. Focus on the popular manga and anime Japan has exported since becoming an economic superpower in the 1980s, the utopian/dystopian expression in Japanese sci-fi narratives of this era, and the complex interplay of gender and technology in the new post-human societies these narratives envision.

AAS 320K Theorizing the Human 3 Hours

Trace the continuities and transformations in constructions of populations as more or less human, from settler-colonial conquest to the post-Trump era. Examine what logics mark racialized populations as disposable during the colonization of the Americas, and which systematically condition racialized subjects to a state of enduring siege.

AAS 325C The Chinese in Diaspora 3 Hours

Explores narratives of migration, race, ethnicity, and a wide range of experiences of acculturation and assimilation from the perspective of a sending society—China—which has one of the longest and most diverse histories of sending people overseas. Over the last millennia, Chinese have migrated around the world and made homes under a great range of adversity and opportunity, producing many stories of human differences and commonalities.

AAS 325D The Chinese in the United States 3 Hours

History of the Chinese in the United States from their first arrival in significant numbers during the California Gold Rush of the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

AAS 325E Taiwan: Colonization, Migration, and Identity 3 Hours

Explores issues of ethnicity, empire, and modernization in East Asia from the sixteenth century to the present, as seen through encounters between Taiwan and aborigines, Han Chinese, Dutch, Portuguese, the imperial Qing, Japanese, mainland Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT), and the United States.

AAS 325F The Two Koreas and the United States 3 Hours

The political, social, and cultural relationship between North and South Korea, and between the Koreas and the United States, since 1945.

AAS 325G History of the Southeast Asian Diaspora in the United States 3 Hours

AAS 325J South Asian Migration to the United States 3 Hours

Examine the South Asian diaspora in the United States.

AAS 325K Refugees in Twentieth-Century United States 3 Hours

Explores the history of refugees in the twentieth century, with special attention to the United States and its engagement in the international arena of refugee politics.

AAS 325L Global Economies: Asia and the United States 3 Hours

Examines key trends in the economies of the United States and Asia, with emphasis on the links between these two major trading blocs.

AAS 325M Political Economy of Development in Postwar Korea 3 Hours

Explore the political economy of South Korean development during the postwar period. Examine the history, society, and culture of South Korea. Discuss compressed modernity, developmental state, social movements, gender politics, financial crisis, urbanization, migration, and recent globalization of Korean popular culture.

AAS 325N Asian American Jurisprudence 3 Hours

Examine the historical development of United States law and its relationship to Asian Americans, and of Asian American jurisprudence as an independent field of legal scholarship.

AAS 325O Greater China and United States Economic Relations 3 Hours

Explore contemporary interconnections between the United States and Greater China. Examine economic frameworks (for example, state-led, market-led, mixed, etc.); the economies of the PRC including Hong Kong as well as Taiwan and the Chinese diaspora; and linkages such as investments, supply chains, tech transfer, non-profit cooperation, and the globalized workforce.

AAS 129S, 229S, 329S, 429S, 529S, 629S, 729S, 829S, 929S Topics in Asian American Studies 1-9 Hours

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AAS 330C Racism and Antiracism 3 Hours

Examines the theories and definitions of racism across several fields: anthropology, sociology, psychology, cultural studies, postcolonial studies, and gender/sexuality studies. Also includes a section that focuses on anti-racist activism, particularly within people of color and immigrant communities.

AAS 330D Blacks and Asians: Race and Social Movements 3 Hours

Examines the relations between Asians and Blacks in the United States.

AAS 330E The Sociology of Race and Work 3 Hours

Critical examination of work in the United States over the twentieth and twenty-first centuries through a gendered, Asian American lens, using a comparative race perspective. Subjects include the sociological examination of concepts such as labor markets, globalization, care work, and gender/racial segregation in the workplace along with the ways race and gender shape how and where individuals are fitted into the workplace, how skills are evaluated, and how labor markets emerge.

AAS 330F Transnational Korea 3 Hours

Recent and contemporary manifestations of the Koreas in the world and the world in the Koreas. Subjects include labor and marriage migration, educational sojourning, transnational adoption, tourism, international sport, corporate expatriation, and media flows.

AAS 330G Urban Unrest 3 Hours

Analysis of the roots of urban unrest, exploring a range of origins: joblessness, state violence, white flight, backlash against civil rights gains, new immigration, and interracial strife. Beyond race and class, subjects include exploring unrest as a mode of pushing the normative boundaries of gender and sexuality in public space. Course material will draw from film, literature, history, geography, and anthropology.

AAS 330I Asian Diaspora on Indigenous Lands 3 Hours

Explore Indigenous and Asian entanglements and solidarities on Turtle Island (North America) and the Pacific. Examine settler colonialism, racial capitalism, war and militarism, racism and power, and environmental change.

AAS 330J Asian Mobilities 3 Hours

Explore alternative research methods and spatialities, in an attempt to produce new understandings of how people live in an increasingly mobile world.

AAS 330K Asian Americans in the South 3 Hours

AAS 330L Anthropology of the Himalayas 3 Hours

Examine the history and culture of the Himalayan region, including Northeast India, sections of Pakistan and Afghanistan, Tibet, and especially Nepal.

AAS 330M Reproductive Justice and Race 3 Hours

Examine the links between reproductive care and social inequality, and explore reproductive outcomes for women in the context of social justice.

AAS 330N Migration Crisis 3 Hours

AAS 335 Topics in Asian American Studies 3 Hours

AAS 335.1 Bridging Community Through Service Learning 3 Hours

Explores culture in community life and how it affects the collaboration of service providing entities. Through service learning, students will take what they learn in the classroom and apply those theories and techniques within the community. Special emphasis will be given to the understanding of the Asian/Asian American community and multiculturalism in community services.

AAS 358Q Supervised Research 3 Hours

Supervised, student-derived research in Asian American studies.

AAS 377 Capstone Seminar 3 Hours

AAS 378 Community Internship 3 Hours

Supervised internship in a community, civic, or government organization or program that facilitates the economic, political, and social development of the Asian American community.

AAS 379 Conference Course in Asian American Studies 3 Hours

Supervised individual study of selected problems in Asian American studies.

AAS 679H Honors Tutorial Course 6 Hours

Supervised individual reading for one semester, followed by a semester of research and writing to produce a substantial paper on a specific topic in Asian American studies.

AAS 381 Topics in Asian American Studies 3 Hours

Theoretical and methodological training through key texts in Asian American studies.

AAS 391C Conference Course 3 Hours

Designed to expand the graduate student's opportunity for individual consultation. Complements courses fulfilling the Asian American studies graduate portfolio.