AAST - ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

AAST200 Introduction to Asian American Studies (3 Credits)
The aggregate experience of Asian Pacific Americans, from developments
in the countries of origin to their contemporary issues. The histories of
Asian Pacific American groups as well as culture, politics, the media, and
stereotypes, viewed from an interdisciplinary perspective. Cross-listed
with: AMST298C.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST200 or AMST298C.

AAST201 Asian American History (3 Credits)
Introduction to the history of Asian Americans and Asians in the United
States and the Americas and to the field of Asian American Studies,
from an interdisciplinary perspective. Topics include theories of race and
ethnicity, Asian migration and diaspora to the Americas; Asian American
work and labor issues; gender, family, and communities; nationalism and
nativism, and anti-Asian movements; Asian Americans in World War II, the
Cold War, and the issues in the civil rights & post-civil rights era. Cross-
listed with: HIST221.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST201 or HIST221.

AAST222 Immigration and Ethnicity in America (3 Credits)
The history of immigration and the development of diverse populations
in the United States are examined. Topics include related political
controversies, the social experiences of immigrants, ethnicity,
generations, migration, inter-group relations, race and diversity in
American culture.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST222 or HIST222.

AAST233 Introduction to Asian American Literature (3 Credits)
A survey of Asian American literature with an emphasis on recurrent
themes and historical context. Cross-listed with: ENGL233.
Credit Only Granted for: ENGL233 or AAST233.

AAST262 Asian American Psychology (3 Credits)
An overview of how socio-cultural influences impact the development
and psychological health of Asian Americans. Other topics include how
minority group status, adaptation and identity development influence
various aspects of psychological functioning; the role of historic
systematic racism; and, how the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively
impacted Asian Americans. Students develop a deeper understanding
of the role of stereotypes and racism, acculturation, racial identity
development, cultural values, socialization, behavioral norms,
family roles, stressors and social support systems on the mental health,
Credit Only Granted for: PSYC262, AAST262 or PSYC489Z.
Formerly: PSYC489Z.

AAST298 Special Topics in Asian American Studies (3 Credits)
An introductory multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary educational
experience to explore issues relevant to Asian American life, cultural
experiences; and political, economic, and artistic development.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

AAST310 Introduction to Comparative Ethnic and Racial Studies (3 Credits)
Introduces students to the study of race and ethnicity in the United
States. The class is organized according to the following five units: (1)
Introduction; (2) Key concepts; (3) Mechanisms of racial formation;
(4) Prevailing myths about race; and (5) Contemporary issues related
to race and ethnicity. Through readings, film clips, and presentations,
we will explore how the concept of race has developed and endured
over time and become familiar with key concepts, such as "race" and
"intersectionality". We will attempt to better understand how race is
associated with other forms of difference, such as class, gender and
ethnicity. We will identify and confront the prevailing myths about race
and ethnicity in the United States. Finally, we examine the ways in which
contemporary issues reveal the dynamics of race and ethnicity. Cross-
listed with: AMST310.
Credit Only Granted for: AMST310, AAST398F, AAST310, or AMST328L.
Formerly: AMST328L and AAST398F.

AAST351 Asian Americans and Media (3 Credits)
From yellow peril invaders to model minority allies, Asian Americans
have crafted their own dynamic cultural expressions in a number of
media from film, television, and music to fashion, sports, and food that
reveal and contest the contradictions of the U.S. nation-state. Asian
American culture also uniquely sits at the nexus of immigration flows
and digital technologies, providing a transnational lens to view the US
place in the world. This advanced course, then, will introduce students
to the study and practice of Asian American cyktyre as multiple, hybrid,
and heterogeneous. It will do so through three sections: section one
will introduce students to classical, cultural, and media concepts as
well as relevant keywords outlined by Asian American Studies scholars;
section two will review the work of Asian American cultural theorists;
section three will focus on analyses of particular Asian American cultural
productions. In doing so, students will gain an understanding of the
shifting and interlocking tensions among the local, the national, and the
global that form the cultural geographies of Asian America.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST351, AAST398M or AAST398N.
Formerly: AAST398M, AAST398N.

AAST355 Asian Americans in Film (3 Credits)
Explores how Asian Americans have historically been represented in the
U.S. by Hollywood, and in turn, how independent and Hollywood Asian
American filmmakers have represented themselves. It covers the history
of racial, gendered, and sexualized representations of Asian Americans
in Hollywood, as well as Asian American filmic responses within and outside
Hollywood. It also introduces how four basic tools of film analysis mise-
-en-scene, cinematography, editing and sound work together to create
meaning in moving images. It examines how these elements are put
in the narrative, documentary, and experimental. How films function in society
to circulate ideas that reproduce and challenge stereotypes about Asian
Americans. Cross-listed with: AMST328.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST355, AAST398L or AMST328.
Formerly: 398L.

AAST363 Filipino American History and Biography (3 Credits)
Focus is placed on Filipino American experiences with an emphasis on
identity, community building and organizing to influence public policy
We will cover pertinent events from the US and Philippine history in order
to understand the impact of colonialism, migration, immigration and
assimilation on Filipino Americans. Cross-listed with: AMST323.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST363, AMST323, AAST398D, or AMST328J.
Formerly: AAST398D.
AAST378 Experiential Learning (3 Credits)
Field experience/internship in professional organizations and appropriate
private and governmental agencies serving the Asian American
community.
Restriction: Permission of UGST-Undergraduate Studies.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.
AAST388 Independent Research (1-3 Credits)
Directed, independent study in Asian American Studies resulting in the
completion of an original research paper.
Restriction: Permission of UGST-Undergraduate Studies.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
AAST394 Growing Up Asian American: The Asian Immigrant Family and
the Second Generation (3 Credits)
An interdisciplinary course examines the experiences of children of
Asian immigrants in the U.S., focusing on intergenerational dynamics in
the Asian immigrant family, their intersections with race, gender, class,
sexuality, and religion, and how these shape second-generation Asian
American life. Topics include identity and personhood, the model minority
myth and education, work and leisure, language and communication,
filiality and disownment, mental health and suicide. Cross-listed with:
AMST324, IMMR394.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST394, AAST398E, AMST324, AMST328V,
IMMR319G or IMMR394.
Formerly: AAST398E.
AAST398 Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (3 Credits)
Study of a specific theme or issue involving the Asian America
experience.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
AAST420 Asian American Women: The Social Construction of Gender (3
Credits)
Examines the intersection of gender, race and class as it relates to Asian
American women in the United States; how institutionalized cultural
and social statuses of gender, race, ethnicity and social class produce
and reproduce inequality with implications for Asian Americans and the
broader society.
Restriction: Must not have completed WMST420. Cross-listed with:
WMST420.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST420 or WMST420.
AAST421 Asian American Public Policy (3 Credits)
Using Asian Pacific Americans as a case study, this course will analyze
the development of public policy in America. Each week, topics such as
community development, voting rights, and the movement to redress the
wartime internment of Japanese Americans will serve as backdrops for
discussion. We will explore the policy-making roles of legislators, judges,
local and national political leaders, journalists, writers, unions, social
movements, and community organizations. Cross-listed with: AMST418N.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST421, AAST498M or AMST418N.
Formerly: AAST498M.
AAST424 Sociology of Race Relations (3 Credits)
Analysis of race-related issues, with a primary focus on American society.
The historical emergence, development, and institutionalization of
racism; the impact of racism on its victims; and racially based conflict.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of UGST-
Undergraduate Studies. Cross-listed with: SOCY424.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST424 or SOCY424.
AAST443 Asian American Politics (3 Credits)
Students will gain a greater understanding of 1) the role of Asian
Americans in US politics, 2) the political attitudes and behaviors of Asian
Americans and 3) how to conduct research on Asian American politics.
Though the class will concentrate on Asian Americans, issues related
to Asian American politics will be examined within the larger context of
America's multicultural political landscape. Cross-listed with: AMST498J.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST498T, AAST443, GVPT368C or AMST 498J.
Formerly: AAST498T.
AAST498 Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (3 Credits)
Advanced study of the cultural and historical antecedents of
temporary Asian American society. Emphasis on the social, political,
economic, and behavioral factors affecting Asian Americans and their
communities.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
AAST499 Senior Thesis (3 Credits)
Under the supervision of faculty, research regarding a specific topic of the
Asian American experience will be completed.
Prerequisite: AAST201 and AAST200.
Restriction: Permission of UGST-Undergraduate Studies; and must be in
Asian American Studies program.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.