In the Asian American Studies Program (AAST), students undertake an interdisciplinary and critical study of race, immigration, and political and social representation through examination of the experiences of Asian Americans. Students study the experiences of Asian Americans compared to and connected with other groups in the United States, as well as situated within a global and transnational context. Through this approach, students examine the histories, communities and cultures of Asian Americans as both distinctive and connected to the broader themes for diversity, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, and migration in the Americas. AAST offers a 15 credit-hour minor. For the minor, courses may be cross-listed in other departments and some may satisfy general education requirements.

### Requirements

#### Course Title Credits

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**Elective Courses**

Select 9 credits of additional AAST or other approved courses

At least two of which must be upper division (300 or 400 level) and

One must fulfill comparative ethnic or global/transnational/international area requirement

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**Upper Division Courses**

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<td>AAST499</td>
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**Notes:**

- No more than 6 credits (2 courses) taken at the 100 or 200-level may count towards the minor.
- A minimum of 9 credits (3 courses) must be taken at the 300 or 400-level.
- All courses used for the minor must have a grade of C- or better.
- A student may use a maximum of 6 credits (2 courses) to satisfy requirements for both a major and a minor. Courses completed for one minor may not be used to satisfy the requirements for another minor.

1. Students may take a course not on this list with approval from the AAST Director.
2. For the most current list of courses that fulfill comparative ethnic/global transnational/international area requirement, see AAST website [here](https://www.aast.umd.edu/aast-minor/#minorreq).
3. Restriction: Permission of instructor or enrolled in AAST minor. This advanced colloquium in Asian American Studies is designed as a senior seminar. The course offers an intensive learning experience and students are required to complete a thesis, applied research project, or take part in and write about a sustained community experience.