Asian American Studies Minor

Asian American Studies Program (AAST)
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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

AAST Foundational Course

Select one of the following:

AAST200/AMST298
Introduction to Asian American Studies
3

AAST201/HIST221/219
Asian American History (HIST219M, HIST219G)

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

AAST222
Immigration and Ethnicity in America

AAST233
Introduction to Asian American Literature

AAST298
Special Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST298A: Islam in America)

AAST298
Special Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST298B: Visual Cultures of Islam)

AAST298
Special Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST298J: Asian American Performance)

AAST378
Experiential Learning

AAST388
Independent Research

AAST398
Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST398A: Vietnamese American Studies)

AAST398
Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST398B: Asian American Social Policy and Community Advocacy)

AAST398
Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST398D: Filipino American History and Biography)

AAST398
Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST398E: Growing up Asian American: The Asian Immigrant Family and the Second Generation)

AAST398
Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST398M: Asian Americans and Media)

AAST420
Asian American Women: The Social Construction of Gender

AAST424
Sociology of Race Relations

AAST443
Asian American Politics

AAST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498B: Urban Democracy and Community)

AAST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498J: Asian American Psychology)

AAST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498M: Asian American Public Policy)

AAST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498X: Techno-Orientalism)

AAST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498B: Confucius’ Many Lives in East Asia and Asian American) 2

AAST/AMST498
Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies (AAST498W/AMST498R: Transnational American Studies) 2

Upper Division Courses

AAST499
Senior Thesis (Or one additional 400-level AAST course) 3

Total Credits
15

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 (https://www.aast.umd.edu/undergraduate/minor-requirements/#elective-courses).
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.