Asian American Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study that focuses on the histories, experiences, and cultures of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent living in the United States. It seeks to broaden students’ understanding of the diversity and complexity of Asian American identities and communities; to provide comparative and intersectional approaches to race, migration, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and citizenship; and to encourage linking educational and research initiatives to community and political concerns.

The minor in Asian American Studies requires 12 credit hours of course work. Three courses (9 credit hours) must be taken in Asian American Studies. The remaining three credits may be fulfilled by taking: a) an additional Asian American Studies course; b) an elective in Asian studies; or c) an elective in U.S. race/ethnicity studies. Note that language courses (i.e., Chinese 1101) may not count toward the elective.

No more than six hours of 2000-level course work may count toward the minor. Up to six credit hours may overlap between the minor and the General Education (GE).

To enroll in the minor, schedule an appointment with the coordinating adviser, complete the minor program form, then file the form with your college or school counselor.

Asian American Studies courses

African American and African Studies 4921
Comparative Studies 2321, 4803, 4921
East Asian Languages and Literatures 3446
English 4587
History 2079
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4401, 4921

Elective

The elective in either Asian studies or U.S. race/ethnicity studies will be approved by the coordinating adviser in consultation with the student on a case-by-case basis.

Asian Studies electives (examples)

Anthropology 3417
Chinese 2231, 2232, 2451, 4402, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4406, 5400
East Asian Languages and Literatures 3223
History 2392, 2393, 2401, 3375, 3376, 3403, 3404, 3405, 3410, 3411, 3425, 3426, 3580, 3715
History of Art 2003, 3605, 3605H, 4001, 4810, 4815, 4820, 4825, 5002, 5711, 5724, 5812, 5815, 5816, 5830, 5831, 5832, 5833, 5835, 5860, 5880, 5881
International Studies 2050, 4539
Japanese 2231, 2451, 2452, 4400, 4401, 5400, 5454, 5455
Korean 2231, 2451, 5256, 5400, 5405, 5455
Philosophy 2120
Political Science 4230, 4236
Religious Studies 3673

U.S. race/ethnicity electives (examples)

African American and African Studies 2080, 2081, 2367.01, 3089, 3361, 4378, 4504, 4582
Anthropology 3420
Communications 3668, 4445
Comparative Studies 2105, 2322, 2360, 3689, 4804, 4822
English 2281, 4581, 4582, 4583, 4588
Geography 5601
History 2070, 2071, 2075, 2080, 2081, 2085, 2610, 2610H, 2750, 2750H, 2750E, 2752, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3017, 3070, 3071, 3076, 3080, 3082, 3083, 3085, 3580, 4080
Linguistics 3601, 3602
Music 2288
Political Science 3220, 4140
Psychology 3375
Religious Studies 3672, 5871
Sociology 3463, 3463H
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2340, 2367.04, 2750, 2750H, 4520, 4540

Independent Research or Fieldwork: Students can develop an independent project in consultation with an adviser (3 credits maximum).

* Note: Topics courses, when the content is appropriate, may be approved by the adviser for credit toward the minor.

Asian American Studies minor program guidelines

Required for graduation

No

Credit hours required

A minimum of 12. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE

A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hour distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

• Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits

No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required

The minor program form must be approved by the coordinating adviser.

Filing the minor program form

The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.
Changing the minor. Once the minor program form is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the coordinating adviser.