



MINOR IN Asian American STUDIES

Description

The minor in Asian American Studies will provide students with the opportunity to study critically the experiences of Asian Americans. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students will examine the histories, communities, and cultures of Asian Americans as both distinctive from and connected to the broader themes of diversity, ethnicity, race, gender, and migration in the Americas.

Mission

The mission of AAST is to foster excellence in research and teaching about ethnic Asians in the United States and the Americas. Asian American Studies inquires into the lives, history, and culture of Asians in the Americas from a comparative point of view. Specially, we study persons who have immigrant and ancestral ties to any region of Asian and the Pacific. Our mission is guided by five points of excellence: pedagogy, performance, public service, preservation, and public policy research.

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Minor Requirements: Core Courses (6 credits)

AAST 200:
Introduction to Asian American Studies (3 credits)
(CORE: SB, D)

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.

AAST 201:
Asian American History and Society (3 credits)
(CORE: SH, D)

Introduction to the history of Asian Americans in the United States and the Americas and to the field of Asian American Studies, from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Internship (3 credits)

AAST 378:
Experiential Learning (3 credits)

A semester-long internship at an organization that centers its efforts on Asian American issues. Such organizations may include governmental units, non-profit agencies, and on-campus organizations.

Elective Classes: Upper-Level Courses (6 credits)

Courses in this category will explore the historical, cultural, political, economic, and sociological dimensions of the Asian American experience. Students will also select two additional upper-level (300/400) courses, one of which would be at the 400 level.

Courses offered in the past five years:

AAST 222:
Immigration and Ethnicity in America (3 credits)
(CORE: SH, D)

AAST 233:
Introduction to Asian American Literature (3 credits)

AAST 298D:
Asian American Women, Art, and Identity:
Creating Change in Everyday Life (3 credits)

AAST 298E:
Asian American Sexualities (Lower Division) (3 credits)

AAST 298F:
Introduction to Asian American Film (3 credits)

AAST 298G:
Special Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Foodways (3 credits)



Restrictions

- ▶ Courses completed in one minor may not be used to satisfy the requirements in another minor.
- ▶ No more than six of the required credits (or two courses) may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park.
- ▶ At least six upper division credits applied to the minor must be taken at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- ▶ All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C" or better.

Application Process

Students interested in the program should contact AAST staff at (301) 405-0996.

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AAST 298I:

Immigrant Voices: Jewish American and Asian American Experience (3 credits)

AAST 298J:

Asian American Art:
Culture, Identity and Change (3 credits)

AAST 298L:

Asian American Literature (3 credits) (CORE: HL,D)

AAST 298M:

South Asian American Communities:
(De)Constructing South/Asian/American Communities (3 credits)

AAST 298N:

Special Topics in Asian American Studies:
Filipino American Studies (3 credits)

AAST 298P:

Growing Up Asian American (also called Asian American Popular Culture) (3 credits)

AAST 298R:

Re-imagining Asian Americans: Reconstructing Asian American Through Films (3 credits)

AAST 384:

Senior Seminar (3 credits)

AAST 388:

Independent Research (3 credits)

AAST 398A:

Selected Topics in Asian American Studies:
In and About History (3 credits)

AAST 398D:

Selected Topics in Asian American Studies: Filipino American History and Biography (3 credits)

AAST 398L:

Asian Americans in Film (3 credits)

AAST 398P / HIST 319P:

Asian Americans in Washington, D.C. (3 credits) (CORE: D)

AAST 424 / SOCY 424:

Sociology of Race Relations (3 credits)

AAST 498A / EDCP 498A:

Education and Counseling Issues for Asian Americans (3 credits) (CORE: D)

AAST 498B:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Historiography (3 credits)

AAST 498C / HIST 419J:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Ethnicity (3 credits)

AAST 498D:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Law and Identities: A Diversity Learning Community Polyseminar (3 credits)

AAST 498E:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Sexualities (Upper Division) (3 credits)

AAST 498F:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian Americans & Public History (3 credits)

AAST 498G:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Women: The Social Construction of Gender (3 credits)

AAST 498I / EDCP418A:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Leadership (3 credits)

AAST 498J:

South Asian Diaspora (3 credits)

AAST 498K:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Gender, Class and Nation: Korean Society through Literature and Film (3 credits)

AAST 498L:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States (3 credits)

AAST 498M / AMST 418N:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Public Policy (3 credits)

AAST 498N:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Asian American Material Cultures (3 credits)

AAST 498P:

Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies:
Model Minorities and Black Americans (3 credits)

