

# Asian American Studies

## The Program

The Asian American Studies Program offers a minor with classes that focus upon the history and contemporary experience of Asians in the United States. These courses explore themes in local and ethnic history, trans-Pacific contact, cultural change and adaptation, and interethnic relations. Those who major in business, social science, international relations, and the human service professions recognize their relevance.

## Asian American Organizations

The Asian American clubs on campus welcome new members. For further information about the Asian American Studies Program, contact the coordinator at 559.278.3002, or write to:

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Fresno, CA 93740

## Asian American Studies Minor

|                                                 | <i>Units</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Select from ANTH 2, ASAM 110, ETHS 1 .....      | 6            |
| Select from ASAM 15, 30, 56 .....               | 6            |
| Select from ASAM 150, 180T; ANTH 123, 124 ..... | 9            |
| <b>Total .....</b>                              | <b>21</b>    |

*Note:* The minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

## Southeast Asian Studies Minor

|                                                                       | <i>Units</i> |
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| <b>Lower-division courses .....</b>                                   | <b>6</b>     |
| ASAM 15, SSCI 17 <sup>1</sup>                                         |              |
| <b>Language courses .....</b>                                         | <b>6</b>     |
| (Pre-approved by coordinator)<br>HMONG 1A-B, 4, 100, 101; LING 40T    |              |
| <b>Upper-division courses .....</b>                                   | <b>9</b>     |
| ANTH 123, 190; ASAM 110, 138, 140, 190; GEOG 177T; LING 190; SWRK 181 |              |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                                    | <b>21</b>    |

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## Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies

The Certificate of Southeast Asian Studies requires a minimum of 12 units. Select from the following upper-division courses:

ANTH 123, 190; ASAM 110, 138, 140, 190; GEOG 177T; HMONG 100, 101; LING 190; SWRK 181

The Minor and the Certificate in Southeast Asian Studies focus on the cultures and peoples of Southeast Asia, and on their communities outside Southeast Asia, especially those in the United States.

For further information contact Dr. Franklin Ng, Department of Anthropology, at 559.278.3002.

## COURSES

### Asian American Studies (ASAM)

#### ASAM 15. Introduction to Asian Americans (3)

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Historical, social, and psychological factors in the changing status and identity of Americans from Asia. Examines variables such as cultural heritage, family organization, intergenerational conflict, and the experience of racism in the changing world of Asian Americans. G.E. Breadth D3.

#### ASAM 30. Japanese Americans in the United States (3)

A survey of social adaptations and cultural changes among Japanese Americans in different communities such as California and Hawaii. Considers identity, marginality, acculturation, and cultural traditions in Japan and in American communities.

#### ASAM 56. Chinese Americans in the United States (3)

A survey of social adaptations and cultural changes among Chinese Americans in such places as California, Hawaii, and New York. Considers identity, marginality, acculturation, and cultural traditions in China and in American communities.

#### ASAM 110. Asian American Communities (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. A multidisciplinary study of Asian American communities and their relations with the larger society. Analyzes values, lifestyles, processes of group identity and boundary maintenance, social organization, and cultural change. Examination of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and other Asian American subcultures. G.E. Multicultural/International MI.

ASAM 138. Asian American Women (3) Addresses race, ethnic, and class issues from the vantage point of Asian American women. For Asian American and Southeast Asian communities, the status of women has long been neglected. Yet women play an impor-

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tant role in the family and its economy even as they enter new roles in U.S. society. Helpful to students in sciences and applied fields.

ASAM 140. Southeast Asian Americans (3) Since the Immigration Act of 1965 the Asian American population has grown dramatically. This course focuses on recent issues that are facing new arrivals and supplements a history of Asian American communities (e.g., ASAM 110). Useful to students in education, social work, health sciences, the social sciences, and many other fields.

#### ASAM 150. Asian American Expression (3)

The study of Asian and Asian American literature, art, music, and drama. Examines the role of creative expression as a way of understanding changing views of ethnicity and community identity.

#### ASAM 151. Cultures and Foods of East Asia (3)

(See ANTH 126.)

#### ASAM 180T. Topics in Asian American Studies (3; max total 6)

Prerequisites: ASAM 15, permission of instructor. Detailed consideration of a single topic concerning the past or present position of Asian Americans in U.S. society.

#### ASAM 190. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *RP* grading.

<sup>1</sup> Interdisciplinary course designed to introduce students with no previous background to the understanding of multiculturalism and ethnic diversity in mainland Southeast Asia. Using a contemporary historical and socioeconomic framework, this course examines concepts of ethnic identity, gender relations, nation states, ethnic conflicts, war and global conflict, diaspora, and transnationalism.