Asian American Studies Program

The Program in Asian American Studies is an interdisciplinary research, arts and teaching program that focuses on Asian Americans and Asian immigrants in the U.S., Southeast Asians and Asians in the Americas, and Pacific Islanders, both historically and in contemporary society. The certificate program provides students with an opportunity to develop a sustained intellectual focus on Asian American racial formation, communities, and culture.

Courses offered by the program and through other departments incorporate the perspective of a variety of disciplines: anthropology, communication arts, cultural studies dance, education, English, ethnic studies, film, history, human development and family studies, journalism, literature, media, political science, popular culture, psychology, sociology, theatre, and visual arts. New course topics are introduced each year. Examples of past topics include: Asian American history, Asian American literature, Asian American women writers, Asian Americans in the Midwest, Hmong American studies, Contemporary Legal Issues in Asian American Communities, Mixed Race Asian Americans, Asian American Cultural Politics, Southeast Asian Americans in U.S. schools, Asian American Dance, Asian Americans & Media, Afro-Asian Improvisational Dance, Psychology of Hmong Americans, and community based research and service learning courses.

Many program courses fulfill the ethnic studies requirement and breadth requirements in the appropriate divisions.

Degrees/Majors/Certificates

- Asian American Studies, Certificate (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/asian-american-studies/asian-american-studies-certificate)

People

Professors Bow (English/Asian American Studies), Fujimura (Sociology), Gloria (Counseling Psychology), Lee (Educational Policy Studies), Macken (Linguistics), Matsumura (Business), Oliver (Sociology), Shah (Journalism and Mass Communication), Thornton (Afro-American Studies), Uttal (Counseling Psychology), Young (English), Yu (English/Asian American Studies)

Associate Professors Baird (Geography), Cheng (History/Asian American Studies), Choy (Dance/Asian American Studies), Lopez (Communication Arts)

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