Asian American Studies Certificate Program

Information Sheet
For Student

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About Our Certificate
The Asian American Studies certificate program provides students with an opportunity to develop a sustained intellectual focus on Asian American racial formation, history, literature, and culture. Interdisciplinary in nature, the certificate can be obtained by completing 15 credits of coursework.

The certificate program is open to any undergraduate student regardless of major or college who has an interest in Asian American Studies and is in good academic standing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Enrolling in the Certificate Program
Interested students should contact the Asian American Studies Program and meet with the Director to discuss their study plans and complete a Certificate Declaration form. Because many of the courses are crosslisted, it is important to complete the Certificate Declaration form to ensure that approved Asian American Studies courses are recognized by the Registrar’s office.

Requirements
- Maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA in Asian American Certificate coursework
- 3 credits of foundation (Asian American Studies 101)
- 9 credits of “core” courses (devoted to Asian American Issues)
- 3 credits of “comparative” courses (exploring racial formation in a comparative context)

Comparative Courses
Various courses in Afro-American Studies, American Indian Studies, Chican@/Latin@ Studies, East Asian Languages and Literature, or Languages and Cultures of Asia may count towards the fulfillment of the comparative requirement. Students must request a substitution from the Asian American Studies director and have a DARS exception submitted on their behalf.

Topic Courses (Asian American 240, 540, 560)
Asian Am 240 Topics in Asian American Studies, Asian Am 540 Special Topics, and Asian Am 560 Topics in Humanities will be designated as "core" or "comparative" courses each semester, depending on the content of the course. Please see course listing for the semester of the designation. Topic courses may be repeated for credit.

Independent Study (may count for core or comparative requirements – approval required)
Students can arrange to do an independent study for Asian American Studies credit (Asian Am 699: Independent Study: Directed Readings in Asian American Studies) that may count towards the certificate. For more information, please contact the director of the Asian American Studies Program or find a professor who is interested in working with you.
Certificate Course Check List
(note: not all courses are offered each semester)

FOUNDATION (3 credits)

- Asian Am. 101: Introduction to Asian American Studies
  *Course substitutions are possible. Courses from other departments may count. See advisor/program director for approval.

CORE COURSES devoted exclusively to Asian American Issues (minimum 9 credits)
Choose a minimum of three 3 credit courses

- Asian Am. 121: Asian American Movement
- Asian Am. 160: Asian American History- Movement and Dislocation
- Asian Am. 161: Asian American History-Settlement and National Belonging
- Asian Am. 240: Topics in Asian American Studies _____________________________
- Asian Am. 240: Topics in Asian American Studies _____________________________
- Asian Am. 260: Topics in Asian American Culture _____________________________
- Asian Am. 270: Survey of Asian American Literature
- Asian Am. 464: Asian American Women Writers
- Asian Am. 540: Special Topics in Asian American Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 540: Special Topics in Asian American Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 560: Topics in Humanities and Asian Am. Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 560: Topics in Humanities and Asian Am. Studies ___________________________
- OTHER: ________________________________
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COMPARATIVE COURSES (3 credits minimum)
Choose a minimum of one 3 credit course

- Asian Am. 102: Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies
- Asian Am. 220: Ethnic Movements in the United States
- Asian Am. 230: Topics in Comparative Asian Am. Studies _____________________________
- Asian Am. 246: Southeast Asian Refugees of the "Cold" War
- Asian Am. 443: Mutual Perceptions of Racial Minorities
- Asian Am. 540: Special Topics in Asian American Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 540: Special Topics in Asian American Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 560: Topics in Humanities and Asian Am. Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 560: Topics in Humanities and Asian Am. Studies ___________________________
- Asian Am. 654: Race and Sexuality in American Literature
- Asian Am. 662: Mass Media and Minorities
- History 244: Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines
- OTHER: ________________________________
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