

# Asian American Studies, B.A.

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The Department of Asian American Studies examines the historical and contemporary experiences of Asians in the United States and in a global context. The curriculum seeks to provide an analysis of the cultural, political, and economical organization of Asian American communities. Students are invited to participate and partake in broadening their understanding of multicultural perspectives within U.S. society.

**All students must meet the University Requirements** (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

**All students must meet the School Requirements** (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofhumanities/#schoolrequirementstext>).

## Department Requirements for the Major in Asian American Studies

A. Three introductory Asian American Studies core courses:

ASIANAM 50 or ASIANAM 51 and	Asian American Histories The U.S. and Asia
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ASIANAM 52 or ASIANAM 53 and	Asian American Communities Asian Americans and Race
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ASIANAM 54 or ASIANAM 55	Asian American Stories Asian Americans and the Media
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B. Complete the following:

ASIANAM 100W	Research Methodologies for Asian American Studies
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C. Select one course from each of the following areas:

Humanities/Arts: Asian American Studies 110–129

Social Science/Social Ecology: Asian American Studies 130–149

Asian American Sub-groups: Asian American Studies 151–160

Ethnic/Race/Gender Relations: Asian American Studies 161–170

D. Select four additional upper-division elective Asian American Studies courses. Students may request, by petition, one lower-division course to count as an elective. This course must be primarily focused on issues relevant to Asian American Studies.

**Residence Requirement for the Major:** A minimum of five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

Many career opportunities exist for students who graduate with a B.A. in Asian American Studies, such as service with national and international organizations which seek knowledge of American multicultural society in general, and of Asian American peoples and cultures in particular; positions as area specialists with state and federal government agencies; careers in the private sector with corporations or private organizations which have a significant portion of their activities in the U.S. and the Pacific Rim; and positions of service and leadership within Asian American communities. Students may also continue their education and pursue professional or graduate degrees.