Asian American Studies, Graduate Emphasis

The Graduate Emphasis is offered in conjunction with selected UCI departmental graduate programs as a formal component of graduate studies, in addition to the fulfillment of requirements towards the Ph.D. or M.F.A. degree in an array of fields in UCI's Schools of Humanities, Social Sciences, Social Ecology, and the Arts.

Completion of this rigorous academic sequence demonstrates significant scholarly ability and ethical commitment to the critical study of race broadly, and of Asian Americans in particular.

To apply to the Asian American Studies Graduate Emphasis, please click here (https://forms.gle/sL72v2E5Nj77mJ2V6/) to complete the Application Form.

Students in the graduate emphasis complete a minimum of four courses, including ASIANAM 200A and ASIANAM 200B and two electives in Asian American Studies. Eligible courses include ASIANAM 200C; ASIANAM 200D; ASIANAM 201; ASIANAM 250; graduate seminar courses taught by Asian American Studies core or affiliate faculty; or directed reading courses with an Asian American Studies core or affiliate faculty.

Subject to the requirements of participating academic units, Ph.D. students in the emphasis should have at least one Asian American Studies core faculty member on their qualifying examination and dissertation committees. In consultation with the Asian American Studies Graduate Committee, the Director of Graduate Study may approve affiliated faculty members to sit in place of the core faculty. (There are no requirements concerning qualifying examinations or theses for master’s students.)

Applicants to the emphasis must be admitted to a participating UCI graduate program. For complete information about application policies and procedures, as well as the requirements of the emphasis, please see the Director of Graduate Study.