Asian American Studies
The Department of Asian American Studies
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MAJORS OFFERED:
Bachelor of Arts in Asian American Studies

UCSB’s Department of Asian American Studies was one of the very first autonomous academic departments in the United States completely devoted to the study of Asian Americans. Founded by Professor Sucheng Chan, a pioneer in the field, the department over the years has consistently offered students the opportunity to study and understand the experiences of Asian Americans, particularly their histories, communities, and cultures.

Students learn to evaluate the existing literature on Asian American communities, to analyze a variety of data on Asian Americans, and to conduct original research. Professors in the department offer courses informed by approaches from the traditional disciplines, including sociology, law, education, psychology, and literature, as well as from interdisciplinary scholarship in women’s studies, law and society, public policy, global studies, cultural studies, and film and media studies.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES?
Students with a bachelor’s degree in Asian American Studies may pursue a wide range of career choices. As Asian American Studies majors, students will be exposed to several substantive areas of knowledge and multiple approaches to learning. These should provide a substantial basis for success in any number of careers immediately after graduation. In addition, students are encouraged to consider further graduate studies in literature, history, sociology, and other traditional disciplines. Students are also encouraged to consider professional programs, such as in film production, law, public policy, public health, education, business, and social welfare.

WHY IS ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES AT UCSB A GREAT CHOICE?
• The department offers a wide range of courses, but shares a common commitment to progressive scholarship of the highest caliber.
• Lower-division courses offer a thorough introduction to Asian American history and culture, showing how migration from Asia has profoundly shaped life in the United States since the mid-19th century.
• Upper-division courses further explore Asian American contributions to literature, art, culture, film, and performance, in addition to Asian American struggles for political equality, opportunity, and fairness.
• Courses also highlight contemporary issues facing Asian American communities, issues that require leadership and meaningful intervention.
• The Community Studies Program offers opportunities in civic engagement and leadership development.

LINKS FOR EXPLORATION
About the Department
http://www.asamst.ucsb.edu/about

Undergraduate Study
http://www.asamst.ucsb.edu/education/undergrad/

Meet the Faculty
http://www.asamst.ucsb.edu/people

Honors and Community Studies Programs
http://www.asamst.ucsb.edu/resources

USEFUL CAMPUS SERVICES
Advice on Choosing a Major
http://www.lsugeducation.ucsb.edu/advising/major

UCSB Catalog
http://my.sa.ucsb.edu/catalog

UCSB Career Services
http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/

Campus Learning Assistance Services
http://clas.sa.ucsb.edu/CLAS_services.htm