

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

This multidisciplinary major is designed to provide students with a critical understanding of the historical, cultural, social, and political experience of Asian Pacific Americans, with a particular emphasis on the development and culture of the Asian American communities in California and the West, as well as the effects of both historical and contemporary global issues on Asian American communities.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Three core courses:

- Introduction to American Studies and Ethnicity
- Junior Seminar in American Studies and Ethnicity: Theories and Methods
- Senior Seminar in American Studies and Ethnicity

Choose one course in each of the following three areas of study:

- History
- Literature and Culture
- Social and Political Issues

Four upper-division elective courses. Examples include:

- Race and Environmentalism
- Social Constructions of Race and Citizenship
- Political Participation and American Diversity
- Racial and Ethnic Relations in a Global Society
- Directed Research
- Senior Honors Thesis in American Studies and Ethnicity

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Kaya Press: This non-profit publisher of Asian and Pacific Islander diasporic literature, housed in USC Dornsife, brings innovative fiction, poetry, and critical essays to the public.

Junior and Senior Seminars: All students are required to take seminar courses in which they work closely with internationally recognized faculty to complete substantial projects in the field. These seminars prepare students for graduate work in the field and related research and writing projects in professional schools, such as Law, Business, and Communication.

Center for Diversity & Democracy: The CDD works with faculty, students, and community partners to enhance, explore, and develop strong connections between efforts of university-community civic engagement and the diversity of university faculty and students. It is committed to strengthening a diverse set of voices at the University, while enabling a wide variety of community members and organizations to engage the University as equal partners towards equity and social justice.

Honors Program: Students can pursue the honors track and complete directed research with a faculty member. The program helps foster connections with faculty, improve their research and writing skills, and gain self-confidence.