

## INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE EMPHASIS IN ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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University of California, Santa Barbara

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### **EMPHASIS IN ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES – 2025-26**

Applicants must first be admitted to, or currently enrolled in, a UCSB Ph.D. program participating in the Asian American Studies graduate emphasis: Education, English, Feminist Studies, Global Studies, History, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Candidates pursuing the Asian American Studies Emphasis must also fulfill the departmental and University requirements related to their degree program. Applications to the Asian American Studies Doctoral Emphasis may be submitted at any stage of the Ph.D. work and applications will be accepted throughout the year.

Asian American Studies is fundamentally interdisciplinary in nature, intersectional in practice and transnational in perspective, and the Asian American Studies Emphasis (AASE) represents an important development in the critical, interdisciplinary graduate education offered at UCSB. In 1995, UC Santa Barbara became the first major research university in the US to establish an Asian American Studies Department. Since then, the field has grown across the country and Asian American Studies scholarship has made significant contributions to understanding systems of power, its intersectional inequities, and their remedies. This Emphasis offers a graduate level study of the history and subjectivities of Asian Americans by world-renowned scholars who teach, research, and serve Asian American communities.

Students pursuing the emphasis in Asian American Studies will successfully complete four graduate courses that have been approved by the Doctoral Emphasis advisor. An AASE-participating faculty member will serve on the candidate's dissertation committee. And, doctoral emphasis students are encouraged to apply to teach Asian American Studies courses as teaching assistants and associates as part of their Asian American Studies training.

REQUIRED COURSES (Must be taken for letter grade)			
<b>GRADUATE INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES EPISTEMOLOGY</b> - A seminar that considers Asian American Studies as a distinct field of knowledge production. It offers an interdisciplinary exploration of Asian American theories and methods. Readings cover past and present critical debates and provide theoretical approaches through which to analyze interdisciplinary epistemological and pedagogical issues. (4 units)			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
ASAM 200	Critical Issues in Asian American Studies	4	
<b>TOPICS COURSES</b> – Students must complete three topics courses selected from an approved list of courses in participating departments, one of which must be from the Asian American Studies Department. A student may petition for up to two upper-division undergraduate courses taught by a participating faculty to fulfill this requirement provided that additional graduate level work is completed. Also, up to two graduate level 2-unit directed study (ASAM 596) with an AASE faculty can fulfill one topics course requirement. (12 units)			
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<b>ASAM FACULTY</b> serving on candidate's dissertation committee: _____			

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION
EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED (DATE): _____
EMPHASIS DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____
PRINT NAME: _____