Course Catalog - Spring 2015

Asian American Studies
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AAS 100  Intro Asian American Studies  credit: 3 hours.
Interdisciplinary introduction to the basic concepts and approaches in Asian American Studies. Surveys the various dimensions of
Asian American experiences including history, social organization, literature, arts, and politics.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 120  Intro to Asian Am Pop Culture  credit: 3 hours.
Introductory understanding of the way U.S. popular culture has affected Asian Americans and the contributions Asian Americans have
made to U.S. media and popular culture since the mid 1880's.
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UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 184  Asian American Cultures  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ANTH 184 and SOC 124. See ANTH 184.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC Social Sciences
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 TO 5 hours.
May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours.

AAS 201  US Racial & Ethnic Politics  credit: 3 hours.
Same as AFRO 201, LLS 201 and PS 201. See PS 201.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC Social Sciences
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AAS 211  Asian Americans and the Arts  credit: 3 hours.
Examination of Asian American artistic expressions in the visual and the performing arts providing historical, theoretical, and conceptual
foundations of understanding the history of various art genres in Asian American communities. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or AAS 120, or
consent of instructor.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 215  US Citizenship Comparatively  credit: 3 hours.
Examines the racial, gendered, and sexualized aspects of US citizenship historically and comparatively. Interdisciplinary course taught from a humanities perspective. Readings draw from critical legal studies, history, literature, literary criticism, and ethnography. Same as AFRO 215, AIS 295, GWS 215, and LLS 215. Prerequisite: One of: AAS 100, AAS 120, AFRO 100 AIS 101, GWS 250, LLS 100.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 224  Asian Am Historical Sociology  credit: 3 hours.
Same as SOC 224. See SOC 224.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 246  Asian American Youth in Film  credit: 3 hours.
Examines both mainstream and independent films and documentaries representing and/or produced by Asian American youth. Explores the role of multiculturalism and diversity issues in informing young people's experiences.
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AAS 250  Asian American Ethnic Groups  credit: 3 hours.
Intensive interdisciplinary study of a particular Asian American Ethnic group (specific ethnic group focus will change every semester). May be repeated in the same or separate terms to a maximum of 9 hours. Prerequisite: Any AAS course at the 100- or 200-level or consent of instructor.

AAS 258  Muslims in America  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to the study of Muslims in the United States and broadly the history of Islam in the Americas. Using a comparative approach, we study how the historical narrative of African American and Latino Muslims relates to newer immigrant populations, primarily Arab American and South Asian American Muslim communities. Same as LLS 258 and RLST 258.
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AAS 260  Intro Asian American Theatre  credit: 3 hours.
Same as THEA 260. See THEA 260.
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AAS 265  Politics of Hip Hop  credit: 3 hours.
Same as LLS 265. See LLS 265.

AAS 281  Constructing Race in America  credit: 3 hours.
Same as AFRO 281, HIST 281, and LLS 281. See HIST 281.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)
AAS 283  **Asian American History**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as HIST 283. See HIST 283.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Hist&Philosoph Perspect
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 284  **Adv Topics in Asian America**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ANTH 284. See ANTH 284.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
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AAS 286  **Asian American Literature**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as ENGL 286. See ENGL 286.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)

AAS 287  **Food and Asian Americans**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to the interdisciplinary study of food to better understand the historical, social, and cultural aspects of Asian American food preparation, distribution and consumption. Students will investigate the politics and poetics of Asian American foodways by examining social habits, and rituals around food in restaurants, ethnic cookbooks, fictional works, memoirs, magazines, and television shows. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or AAS 120, or consent of instructor.
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AAS 290  **Individual Study**  credit: 2 TO 3 hours.
Supervised reading and research in Asian American Studies chosen by the student with instructor approval. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: AAS 100.

AAS 291  **Hinduism in the United States**  credit: 3 hours.
Introduction to the historical, religious, and socio-cultural aspects of Hinduism in the US. The role of Hinduism in the maintenance of the ethnic identity of Indians in the US will be examined in the context of the rituals, languages, temples, family, and other social organizations. The maintenance and/or shift of the features of traditional (Indian) Hinduism in the transplanted counterpart in the US will be examined. Same as RLST 291. Prerequisite: RLST 104 or RLST 286 or consent of instructor.

AAS 299  **Begin Topics Asian Am Studies**  credit: 3 hours.
May be repeated in the same or subsequent terms to a maximum of 6 hours.

AAS 310  **Race and Cultural Diversity**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as AFRO 310, EPS 310, and LLS 310. See EPS 310.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: US Minority Culture(s)
UIUC: Advanced Composition
AAS 315  **War, Memory, and Cinema**  credit: 3 hours.
Interdisciplinary examination of the ways that memories of war, trauma, and immigration are produced through the medium of film. Because war has been key to discourses and practices of imperialism and globalization, some questions addressed will include how these wars have impacted the nation and the global order, as well as how images about these wars produced important constructions of race, gender, and sexuality for national and cultural identities. Also examines the aftereffects of war by analyzing connections between war's trauma, race, immigration, and incarceration. Students will read critical texts, film theory, screenplays, and view films. Same as GWS 315. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or AAS 120, or consent of the instructor.

AAS 317  **Asian American Politics**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as PS 317. See PS 317.

AAS 328  **Asian Americans & Inequalities**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as SOC 328. See SOC 328.

AAS 346  **Asian American Youth**  credit: 3 hours.
Explores cultural production of second-generation Asian American youth as a historical and social formation. Course examines how youth are actively shaping the U.S. landscape in terms of identity formation, youth, culture, education, juvenile justice, politics and activism, and community formations. These experiences are examined in backdrop of larger historical, economic, racial, social and political forces in the United States. Same as HDFS 341.

AAS 355  **Race and Mixed Race**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as LLS 355 and SOC 355. See LLS 355.

AAS 365  **Asian American Media and Film**  credit: 3 hours.
An examination of media generally and films and videos more specifically (experimental, documentary, independent, and Hollywood features) by, for, and about Asian Americans. Same as MACS 365. Prerequisite: Any AAS course at the 100- or 200-level, or consent of instructor.

AAS 390  **Intermed Topics Asian Am St**  credit: 3 hours.
May be repeated in the same or subsequent terms to a maximum of 6 hours.

AAS 395  **Adv Asian Am Undergrad Reading**  credit: 2 OR 3 hours.
Supervised reading and research in upper level Asian American Studies topics chosen by the student with instructor approval. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: AAS 100.

AAS 397  **Asian Families in America**  credit: 3 hours.
Same as HDFS 321 and SOCW 397. See SOCW 397.
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AAS 402  **Asian American Education**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as EPS 402. See EPS 402.
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AAS 435  **Commodifying Difference**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as AFRO 435, GWS 435, LLS 435, and MACS 432. See LLS 435.

AAS 465  **Race, Sex, and Deviance**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as AFRO 465, GWS 465, and LLS 465. See LLS 465.

AAS 479  **Race, Medicine, and Society**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as ANTH 479 and LLS 479. See LLS 479.

AAS 484  **Asian Diasporas**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as ANTH 484. See ANTH 484.

AAS 485  **The Politics of Fashion**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Same as GWS 485. See GWS 485.

AAS 490  **Adv Topics in Asian Am Studies**  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Research seminar on specialized topics in Asian American Studies. 3 or 4 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or any Asian American Studies course, or consent of instructor.

AAS 501  **Theory and Methods in AAS**  credit: 4 hours.
Foundational gateway course for graduate study in Asian American Studies, examining the political, historical, epistemological, and cultural bases of the field through an intensive reading of canonical works and study of core concepts in the field. Also highlights the problems of interdisciplinary research and scholarship and adopts an intersectional and coalitional approach to Asian American Studies as it assumes the necessary linkages between other areas in ethic/racial and gender/sexuality studies.

AAS 539  **Youth, Culture and Society**  credit: 4 hours.
Same as EPS 539 and HCD 539. See HCD 539.

AAS 561  **Race and Cultural Critique**  credit: 4 hours.
Introduction to graduate level theoretical and methodological approaches in Comparative Race Studies. As a survey of theories of race and racism and the methodology of critique, this course offers an interdisciplinary approach that draws from anthropology, sociology, history, literature, cultural studies, and gender/sexuality studies. In addition, the study of racial and cultural formation is examined from a comparative perspective in the scholarship of racialized and Gender and Women's Studies. Same as AFRO 531, ANTH 565, GWS 561, and LLS 561.

AAS 589  **Readings in Asian Am Studies**  credit: 1 TO 4 hours.
Individual guidance in intensive readings in the literature of one or more subdivisions of the field of Asian American Studies. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.
AAS 590  **Asian Am Studies Seminar**  credit: 2 TO 4 hours.
Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.