Asian American Studies

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Undergraduate Course Offerings – Spring 2017

AAST-A 101 Introduction to Asian American Studies
Notes: 3 Credit Hours
   IUB GenEd S&H Credit
   CASE S&H Breadth of Inquiry Credit
   CASE Diversity in U.S. Credit

Class # 15145 / MoWe 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. / Instructor: Lisa Kwong

Examines the histories, experiences, and cultures that shape the Asian American community. Through articles, books, and film, this course explores the commonalities and the diversity of experiences among Asians in the United States, with particular focus on such issues as immigration, education, community, and identity.

AAST-A 300 Topics in Asian American Studies / Topic: America’s Pacific
Notes: 3 Credit Hours
   IUB GenEd S&H Credit
   CASE S&H Breadth of Inquiry Credit
   CASE Culture Studies
   CASE Diversity in U.S. Credit
   Class meets with HIST-A 385

Class # 30032 / MoWe 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. / Instructor: Ellen Wu

What do hula, sugar, the atomic bomb, and waterboarding have in common? Why have Americans imagined the Pacific as an exotic paradise even as they have carried out terrible atrocities there? This course explores these questions in order to understand how the Pacific has been critical to the United States’ emergence as a global power. We will take three case studies—Hawai’i, Japan, and the Philippines—to examine the historical problems posed by American encounters with the environments and peoples of this region. We will consider the importance of overseas expansionism and empire building in American national development, consciousness, and culture; the part of the United States in the making of the modern Pacific world; and the implications of US domination for indigenous sovereignty movements, migration, and race- and gender-making. Requirements include two blue book exams, two papers, in-class written reading responses, and spirited participation in class conversations. Lectures, readings, discussions, and films will emphasize a multifaceted approach to our study of the critical role that the Pacific has played in America’s understanding of itself and its place in the world.
AAST-A 499 Capstone Seminar in Asian American Studies

Notes: 3 Credit Hours
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Class # 10802 / ARR

A faculty-supervised course of independent research utilizing a specific disciplinary or interdisciplinary approach and culminating in a paper or report. The project may incorporate a practical or service-learning component and the use of diverse media. The report must include a written, analytical component.

AAST-X 490 Independent Readings and Research in Asian American Studies

Notes: 3 Credit Hours
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Class # 11895 / ARR

Independent readings or research project in Asian American studies.