Asian American Studies

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Undergraduate Course Offerings – Fall 2019

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

Class # 6783 / MoWe 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. / Instructor: Lisa Kwong

In this course, students will receive an overview of Asian American history in the US, current events, and representations in literature and media. Historical events covered range from Chinese immigration in the mid-1800s to 9/11 and its aftermath for Muslim and South Asian Americans in the current century. Students will have the opportunity to engage with current events and issues in Asian America by attending events on campus or in the community and by following social media. We will also examine popular representations of Asian Americans in film, TV, and literature, which address issues such as family, immigration, citizenship, assimilation, and education. By examining Asian American experiences through a variety of texts and perspectives, students will arrive at a greater understanding, respect, and appreciation for the experiences of Asian Americans and their contributions to US society.

Potential course requirements will include thoughtful engagement with all texts and media, short written assignments, essays, an event review, a final project, and active and lively class discussions.

AAST-A201: Asian Diaspora Experience
Notes: 3 Credit Hours
   IUB GenEd A&H credit
   COLL (CASE) A&H Breadth of Inquiry credit
   COLL (CASE) Global and Civic Culture credit

Class # 34892 / MoWe 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. / Instructor: Lisa Kwong

Explores the Asian Diaspora in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Examines Asian diasporic experience through diverse cultural forms: literature, art, music, dance, theatre, news, film, and other popular media. Addresses such salient issues as identity in transition, ecology and human ecology, globalization, and more.
AAST-A 300 Topics in Asian American Studies / Topic: America’s Pacific

Notes: 3 Credit Hours
- IUB GenEd S&H credit
- COLL (CASE) Diversity in U.S. credit
- Class meets with HIST-A 385

Class # 33289 / MW 1:25 – 2:40 p.m. / Instructor: Ellen Wu

What do hula, pineapples, and the atomic bomb have in common? This course tackles the surprising and troubling history of US expansion and empire in the Pacific. Contests and conflicts in this region have long been central to the United States’ sense of itself and its global standing. From Hawai‘i and Japan to the Philippines and beyond, we will wrestle with the problems sparked by Americans’ encounters with the environments, peoples, and cultures of the Pacific.

Assessment will be based on two exams, two short papers, in-class writing, participation, and a project. Assigned readings will be a mix of primary sources, articles, a novel, and a memoir.