

California State University, Long Beach 2025-2026 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog

Courses

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Asian American Studies

Note: General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper-division course except upper-division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

ASAM 100A - Composition I

(3 units)

Prerequisite: CSU General Education Written Communication Placement. Directed Self-Placement must be completed prior to enrollment.

Composition I does not count toward meeting the major requirements but does count toward graduation. Must have a "credit" to qualify for enrollment in a GE English Composition course. First half of a one-year composition course that offers intensive writing practice, ranging from generating ideas to final proofreading, with a focus on developing critical reading comprehension for specific writing tasks.

Credit/No Credit grading only Same course as [AFRS 100A](#)

, [AIS 100A](#)

, [CHLS 104A](#)

, and [ENGL 100A](#)

. Not open for credit to students with credit in: [AFRS 100A](#)

, [AIS 100A](#)

, [CHLS 104A](#)

, or [ENGL 100A](#)

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ASAM 100B - Composition II

(3 units)

Prerequisite(s): CSU General Education English Composition Placement; credit in [ENGL 100A](#)

, [CHLS 104A](#)

, [AFRS 100A](#)

, [ASAM 100A](#)

, [AIS 100A](#)

, or [ALI 150](#)

; or equivalent transfer course. Directed Self-Placement must be completed prior to enrollment.

Expository writing course designed for first-year students. Satisfies one of the writing requirements

for general education at CSULB. Emphasizes academic discourse, focusing on analytical reading, thesis-driven writing, and rhetorical strategies.

Both grading options. Same course as [AIS 100B](#)

, [AFRS 100B](#)

, [CHLS 104B](#)

, and [ENGL 100B](#)

. Not open for students for credit to students with credit in [AIS 100B](#)

, [AFRS 100B](#)

, [CHLS 104B](#)

, or [ENGL 100B](#)

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ASAM 119 - Introduction to Racial and Ethnic Studies

(3 units)

Prerequisite/corequisite: One GE Foundation course.

Survey of race and ethnic relations in the U.S. with a focus on four racialized groups: American Indians, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Chicanas/os/xs and Latinas/os/xs. Special attention is given to the formation and transformation of each racialized ethnic group and their particular and collective roles in the shaping and development of the United States.

Both Options: Letter Grade (A-F) and CR/NC. Same course as [AIS 119](#)

, [AFRS 119](#)

, and [CHLS 119](#)

. Students may earn a maximum of 3 total units from all of these courses: [AFRS 119](#)

, AFRS 215, [AIS 119](#)

, AIS 215, ASAM 119, ASAM 215, [CHLS 119](#)

, or CHLS 215.

ASAM 120 - Asian American History

(3 units)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: One GE Foundation course.

Overview of experiences of people of Asian ancestry in the United States. Major themes include: immigration (labor migration and refugee resettlement), racism and economic conflict, resistance to discrimination, and community building.

Both grading options. Not open for credit to students with credit in ASAM 220.

ASAM 121 - Contemporary Issues in Asian America

(3 units)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: One GE Foundation requirement.

Examination of contemporary issues, including immigration, labor, family, public policy, popular culture, the media, and political activism in Asian America. Focuses on the U.S. in the context of the global economy and Asian diasporas.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not open for credit to students with credit in ASAM 221.

ASAM 290 - Selected Topics in Asian American Studies

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Topics of current interest in Asian American Studies selected for intensive development.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

ASAM 299 - Directed Studies

(1-3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed studies to permit individual students to pursue topics of special research interest.

Letter grade only (AF). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units.

ASAM 319 - Racial and Ethnic Experience in the United States

(3 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of at least 60 units, completion of the entire Foundation, and completion of at least one GE Course from the Explorations stage.

Critical examination of race and ethnic relations in U.S. society with a focus on the four racialized groups: American Indians, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Chicana/o | Latina/o Americans, engaging their histories, cultures, intellectual traditions, lived experiences, and racial and social justice struggles. Special attention is given to the trans/formation of each racialized ethnic group and their particular and collective roles in the shaping and development of the United States.

Both grading options. Same course as [AIS 319](#)

, [AFRS 319](#)

, and [CHLS 319](#)

. Not open for credit to student with credit in AFRS 319, AIS 319, CHLS 319, or WGSS 319.

ASAM 325 - Beauty Matters: Culture, Politics, Labor

(3 units)

Prerequisites: Completion of GE Foundation Courses.

Interrogates the development of beauty and grooming ideologies, politics, and care work in the context of the beauty service industry. Focuses on the social, cultural, and spatial processes of intimate and affective relations of race, class, gender, and sexuality at the salon and barbershop.

Both grading options. Same course as AMST 325. Not repeatable for credit.

ASAM 330 - Japanese American Experience

(3 units)

A study of the culture, history, and literature of Japanese in America, emphasizing immigrant experience, agricultural contributions, World War II, generational issues, women in transition and family.

Both grading options.

ASAM 332 - Korean American Experience

(3 units)

Examines major historical, social, political, and cultural themes that have shaped Korean American experiences, with attention to intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, and class in the U.S. Emphasizes contemporary issues in local communities and transnational connections in the Korean diaspora.

Both grading options.

ASAM 333 - Vietnamese American Experience

(3 units)

A study of the culture, history, and literature of Vietnamese in America, emphasizing refugee and immigrant experience, generational issues, women in transition and family.

Both grading options.

ASAM 334 - Cambodian American Experience

(3 units)

A study of the culture, history, and literature of Cambodians in America, emphasizing refugee and

immigrant experiences, generational issues, women in transition and family.

Both grading options.

ASAM 335 - Asian and Latino Immigration Since World War II

(3 units)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing.

Examines the causes of massive Asian and Latino immigration as well as major contemporary issues in the Asian and Latino communities.

Both grading options. (Lecture and discussion, 3 hours) Same course as [CHLS 335](#)

. Not open for credit to students with credit in [CHLS 335](#)

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ASAM 340 - Asian American Family

(3 units)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements and upper-division standing.

Provides perspectives on the varieties of Asian American families by examining the social, economic, political, and cultural factors crucial in the development of conventional as well as alternative familial units.

Both grading options.

ASAM 341 - Asian American/Chicano and Latino Cinema

(3 units)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements.

A team-taught course that explores connections between Asian American and Chicano/Latino cinema, with emphases given to grounding issues presented in films within historical, literary, and cultural studies frameworks.

Both grading options. Same course as [CHLS 341](#)

. Not open for credit to students with credit in ASAM 403 or CHLS 403 or [CHLS 341](#)

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ASAM 345 - Asian American Community Analysis

(3 units)

Examines socioeconomic, political and cultural profile of Asian American communities, as well as role and function of community organizations. Training in community surveys and service.

Both grading options. (3 hours, Lecture) Not repeatable for credit.

ASAM 350 - Environmental Justice

(3 units)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation courses completed; Completion of at least 60 units; and Completion of at least one GE Explorations.

Examines social justice aspects of environmental issues (e.g., exposure to environmental hazards and burdens), and the ability and opportunities to cope with and mitigate such problems, as influenced by race, ethnicity, gender, and class.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as: GEOG 350. Not open for credit to those with existing credit in GEOG 350.

ASAM 352 - Filipino/a American Experiences

(3 units)

Focusing on social, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of Filipino/a experiences in the United States, this course examines major issues, including legacies of imperialism, transnational patterns of capital and labor, colonial and post-colonial identities, resistance to oppression, and literary expressions.

Both grading options.

ASAM 353 - Filipino American Contemporary Issues

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing. Recommended: [ASAM 352](#)

Interdisciplinary approach used to examine the social, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of Filipino/a experiences in the United States from 1965 to the contemporary period. Emphases on issues of post-colonial identities, the Philippine Diaspora, patterns of labor, strategies of resistance, and cultural practices.

Both grading options.

ASAM 370 - Gender and Sexuality in Asian America

(3 units)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements and upper-division standing.

Explores the diverse historical and contemporary experiences of Asian Americans with respect to gender roles and relationships, family, expressions of desire, as well as the relationships among gender, sexuality, and racial/ethnic identity.

Both grading options.

ASAM 490 - Selected Topics in Asian American Studies

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Topics of current interest in Asian American Studies selected for intensive development.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

ASAM 499 - Directed Studies

(1-3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed studies to permit individual students to pursue topics of special research interest.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units.

ASAM 521 - Critical Perspectives in Asian American Studies

(3 units)

Examines the specific histories, cultures, intellectual traditions, and racial and social justice struggles of Asian American and Pacific Islander/Oceania communities from the perspective of Asian American Studies, examining the particular and collective roles of these groups in the shaping and development of the United States.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not repeatable for credit.

ASAM 599 - Directed Studies

(1-3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Directed studies to permit individual students to pursue topics of special research interest.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units in different semesters.

