

# ES 214 : INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN STUDIES

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## Transcript title

Intro to Asian/Pacific Amer St

## Credits

4

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

40

## Lecture hours

40

## Recommended preparation

ES 101.

## Course Description

Explores interdisciplinary research on Americans of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Island ancestry. Surveys the diversity of histories, cultures, and experiences that contribute to the broad category of Asian American. Focuses particular attention to the multiplicity of voices and experiences of that shape the lives of Asians in the United States.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Summarize a general historical overview of the history of Asian Americans in the United States.
2. Explain the impact of labor demand, US immigration policy, and ideas about race and cultural difference on the formation of Asian American identity.
3. Identify the shared experiences that link Asian Americans together, as well as the internal diversity (ethnic origin, language, religion, gender, class, generation) that characterizes this group.
4. Explain and provide context for contemporary socio-cultural issues facing Asian Americans.
5. Identify elements of diversity in human experience as affected by race and racism.

## Content outline

- Inclusion/Exclusion: Immigration and citizenship
- War, internment, and refugees
- Transnationalism and the global economy
- Media representations, stereotypes, and the model minority myth
- Exploring the diversity with "Asian" (could include discussions of culture, religion, gender, sexualities, alternative genders, and class/caste)
- Asian America in a post 9/11 World

## Required materials

This course will require a textbook and/or readings.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science
- Cultural Literacy