

Purdue University- Asian American Studies Program

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The undergraduate Asian American Studies Program, housed under the School of Interdisciplinary Studies at Purdue, offers students the opportunity to pursue a minor in Asian American Studies. While the program focuses on the complex history of individuals of Asian ancestry living in the United States, it also provides students a perspective on the transnational and global linkages embedded within the Asian American experience. The Asian American Studies program provides students a way to expand their understanding of issues such as racial history, identity, gender, social justice/anti-racist movements, community and coalition building, etc. Furthermore, the program aims to reveal the relationship of the Asian American experience not only to the development of the United States and its racial consciousness/identity, but also to other marginalized communities. As an interdisciplinary minor, it encourages students to pursue Asian American-related issues within fields such as sociology, history, literature, political science, film, and art.

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POINTS OF PRIDE:

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- The Asian American Studies program at Purdue University is an institutional member of the CIC consortium of Asian American Studies programs. The CIC consists of the Big 10 plus the University of Chicago. The consortium promotes collaboration among the existing Asian American Studies programs and brings visibility to the research and teaching at Midwestern institutions.
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CAREERS:

An Asian American Studies minor will help students seeking a broad range of careers such as: Law, Business, Policy, Government, Communications, Journalism, Education, Material Culture, Museum and Archival Studies, Profession or Graduate School, and many other positions not necessarily related to the minor but based on the graduate's global awareness and broad-based liberal arts skill set.

Courses offered in the program this semester include:

1. ASAM 24000-005 Introduction to Asian American Studies- Instructor: Dr. Monica Trieu
2. ASAM 24000-006 (Recitations) Introduction to Asian American Studies- Instructor: Melvin Villaver

Additional Info from Purdue AAARCC:

Please find further information on the [Asian American Studies Minor](#).

Please find further information on the [Association for Asian American Studies](#).

A few examples of scholarship below highlight the importance of the Asian American Studies program and connections with students' sense of belonging and success:

Lee, Erika. "Asian American Studies in the Midwest: New Questions, Approaches, and Communities." *Journal of Asian American Studies* 12, no. 3 (2009): 247-73.

Trieu, Monica M. "'It Was about Claiming Space': Exposure to Asian American Studies, Ethnic Organization Participation, and the Negotiation of Self among Southeast Asian Americans." *Race, Ethnicity, and Education* 21, no. 4 (2018): 518-39.

Trieu, Monica M, and Lee, Hana C. "Asian Americans and Internalized Racial Oppression: Identified, Reproduced, and Dismantled." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Thousand Oaks, Calif.)* 4, no. 1 (2017): 67-82.

Our campus communities have been closely following the heightened xenophobia, racism, and violence with the spread of COVID-19. Below are resources and statements of support for ways to stand in solidarity with our Asian and Asian American communities

- The AAARCC has developed and compiled Teach-In Resources to Help Address Anti-Asian Racism, Bias, and Violence (Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic) available at this [link](#).
- Purdue AAARCC has shared a proposal for a statement of solidarity with the Equity and Diversity Committee of the Purdue University Senate. The committee met and worked to propose The Senate's anti-Asian and anti-Asian American bigotry statement. Purdue AAARCC is appreciative that The University Senate fully supported the statement at their meeting on March 23, 2020. Please find the statement through this [link](#).
- The Asian American Studies Program at Purdue University has [published](#) a Statement of Solidarity with Purdue University Asian/American communities: In response to the recent national and global escalation of anti-Asian xenophobia, racism, hatred, and violence as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Asian American Studies program unanimously stand in solidarity with Purdue University Asian and Asian American/Pacific Islander campus communities to condemn these acts of racial violence. These actions have ranged from seemingly "benign" racist "jokes" to outright physical violence aimed at the Asian and Asian American/Pacific Islander communities. Xenophobia and racism towards any group should never be tolerated under any circumstances. We wish to highlight the Center for Disease Control's guidance on countering acts of individual or group blame through "providing social support" and "counter[ing] stigma by learning and sharing facts." Moving forward, we urge communities everywhere to practice kindness and compassion as we all navigate through these challenging times.