ASIAN AMERICAN AND ASIAN DIASPORA STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR
Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies is dedicated to the multidisciplinary study of historical and contemporary experiences of Americans of Asian ancestry in local, national and global contexts. The program explores connections among Asian communities in the United States and around the world in terms of the entangled histories and circuits of migration and the interconnected space through which people, capital, ideas, influences, and activism flow among Asian diasporic communities.

The Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies major and minor are offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies, which also offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as a minor in Race and the Law.

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM
The Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies curriculum offers students a deeper understanding of the histories and contemporary realities of the different ethnic groups that comprise the “Asian American” category. Through classroom-based and experiential learning, our students engage with critical issues such as labor, health, representation and cultural production, religion, class, gender, generation, law, and social activism.

“AAADS offers students the opportunity to learn about the history of migration, the gendered racialization of Asians, the diversity within the group, and the multiple ways in which they have struggled for belonging and social justice in both national and global contexts.”

– Lok Siu, Associate Professor

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR
• Enrich your studies with a summer minor in Race and the Law.
• Volunteer for local organizations such as the East Bay Asian Youth Center or Asian Women’s Shelter.
• Complete a senior honors thesis in the major.
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Explore your major
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in ETH ST 14 AC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

Connect and build community
- Get a mentoring experience with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.

Discover your passions
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar, L&S 1, or a student-run DeCal course.
- Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.
- Join a student organization such as REACH! Asian and Pacific Islander Recruitment and Retention Center.
- Check out resources from Asian Pacific American Student Development (APASD) and sign up for the APASD listserv.
- Enroll in ASAMST 20AC: Asian American and Asian Diaspora Program.

Engage locally and globally
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Get involved with campus issues as an APASD intern or volunteer.

Reflect and plan your future
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a Winter Internship.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Students in the Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies Program gain skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including teaching, counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, community and union organizing, social work, and positions in federal, state, and local governments as well as those at the city and county levels.

Employers
- Director of Community Engagement, Sustainable Economies Law Ctr.
- Finance and Operations Manager, National CAPACD
- Legal Asst., Weinberg and Miller Senior Public Affairs Representative, Kaiser Permanente
- Operations Coordinator, Nourish Co.

Graduate Programs
- Counseling, Masters
- City and Regional Planning, Masters
- Data Science, Masters
- Education, Masters, PhD
- Law, JD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

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