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.

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.
**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 STD 1AC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

**Connect and build community**

- Get 1:1 mentoring 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.
- Get inspired with the collections of the Ethnic Studies Library and Eastwind Books.

**Engage locally and globally**

- Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Check out Bay Area events like CAAMFest.

**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 writer internship.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.

- Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an Internship Fair.
- Learn about graduate and professional school opportunities in the Career Connections Career Fair.

**First Year**

- Enroll in ASAMST 20AC: Asian American Communities and Race Relations, ASAMST 20B: Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities or ASAMST 20C: Cultural Politics and Practices in Asian American Communities.
- Complete the three lower division prerequisites and meet with your major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.

**Second Year**

- Enroll in ASAMST 20D: Asian American History and Society.
- Enroll in ETH STD 1AC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.
- Focus on upper division requirements and plan for electives you wish to take.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.

**Third Year**

- Enroll in ASAMST 20E: Asian American Communities and Race Relations, ASAMST 20B: Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities or ASAMST 20C: Cultural Politics and Practices in Asian American Communities.
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

**Fourth Year**

- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Satisfy the ASAMST 20 AC field study requirement if you haven’t done so already.

**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.

**Jobs and Employers**

- Director of Community Engagement, Sustainable Economies Law Ctr.
- Finance and Operations Manager, National CAPACD
- Legal Asst., Weisberg and Miller
- Senior Public Affairs Representative, Kaiser Permanente
- Operations Coordinator, Nourish Co.
- Policy/Comm. Assoc., National Council of Asian Pacific Americans

**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

**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates and LinkedIn.