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.

“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

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.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP
Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US
Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit ethnicstudies.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING
Students can contact the major advisors to schedule appointments or ask questions by emailing Laura Jimenez-Olvera at lauraj@berkeley.edu or Dewey St. Germaine at deweystg@berkeley.edu.

Advising Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-4pm

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**First Year**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in ETH STD 2aC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

**Second Year**
- Enroll in ASAMST 20AC: Asian American Communities and Race Relations, ASAMST 20B: Contemporary Issues in Asian American Communities or ASAMST 30C: 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.

**Third Year**
- Focus on upper division requirements and plan for electives you wish to take.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.
- Ask the major advisor about the honors program.

**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 97 field study requirement if you haven’t done so already.

**Connect and build community**
- Get involved with the 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.
- Enroll in ETH STD 11AC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

**Discover your passions**
- 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 listerv.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Attend Asian American and Asian Diaspora Program events.
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- Check out events sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Department and the Multicultural Community Center.

**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.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Check out Bay Area events like CAAMFest.
- Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Get involved with campus issues as an APASD intern or volunteer.
- Mentor local youth through Let’s Rise - Asian Mentorship Program and Oakland Asian Student Educational Services.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- 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 requirements.
- Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.
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**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.

**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.

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