

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes

- Gain an interdisciplinary understanding of the histories, cultures, and racialization of Asian Americans.
- Apply course concepts and critical theories and methodologies to identify the structural and ideological forces that shape the lives of Asian Americans.
- Apply the skills and knowledge acquired toward the self-determination and empowerment of Asian American communities.
- Develop values of social justice, equity, activism, and respect for differences.
- Construct evidence-based and persuasive oral and written arguments with proper citations and support from multiple forms of knowledge, including community and academic resources, that communicate what students have discovered.

Asian American Studies (B.A.) – 42 units

No more than 9 units can be taken with CR/NC grading.

Introduction to Asian American Studies (6 Units)

Code	Title	Units
Select one course in Category A and one in Category B		6
Category A: History/Social Sciences		
AA S 210	History of Asians in the United States	
AA S 211	Contemporary Asian Americans	
AA S 213	Asian Americans and American Ideals and Institutions	
Category B: Humanities		
AA S 212	Asian Americans and Mass Media	
AA S 216	Introduction to Asian American Literature	
AA S 218	Asian American Culture	

Ethnic Courses (15 Units)

Select five courses representing at least four different ethnic groups.

Note: Other AA S 300 level courses are acceptable upon advisement. AA S 685, AA S 688, or AA S 699 may count if the course content is ethnic-specific (a maximum of 3 units from AA S 685, AA S 688, or AA S 699 can count towards the Asian American Studies major's total unit requirement of 42).

Asian American of Mixed Heritages

Code	Title	Units
AA S 301	Asian Americans of Mixed Heritages	3

Cambodian American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 380	Cambodians in the United States	3

Chinese American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 320	Chinese in the United States	3
AA S 322	Chinese American Language and Literature	3
AA S 323	Chinese American Identities	3

Filipina/o American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 350	Filipina/os in the United States	3
AA S 352	Filipina/o American Literature, Art, and Culture	3
AA S 353	Filipina/o American Identities	3

Japanese American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 330	Nikkei in the United States	3
AA S 332	Japanese American Art and Literature	3
AA S 333	Japanese American Identities	3
AA S 338	Okinawan American Heritage and Culture	3

Korean American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 360	Koreans in the United States	3

Vietnamese American

Code	Title	Units
AA S 370	Vietnamese in the United States	3
AA S 372	Vietnamese American Literature	3
AA S 373	Vietnamese American Identities	3

Panethnic Courses (9 Units)

Select 3 courses from the following,

Note: Other AA S 500–600 level courses are acceptable upon advisement. AA S 685, AA S 688, or AA S 699 may count for this area if the course content is panethnic (a maximum of 3 units from AA S 685, AA S 688, or AA S 699 can count towards the Asian American Studies major's total unit requirement of 42). A lower-division course may also substitute for 3 units with approval from an advisor.

Code	Title	Units
AA S 510	Asian Americans in California	3
AA S 512	Asian American Children's/Adolescent Literature	3
AA S 514		3
AA S 516	Asian American Photographic Explorations	3
AA S 520	Asian American Musical Communities	3
AA S 522	Asian Americans and the Transracial Adoptee Experience	3
AA S 540	South Asians in the United States	3
AA S 541/RRS 657	South Asian Diaspora	3
AA S 570	Southeast Asians in the United States	3
AA S 581		3
AA S 582	Asian American Women's Literature and the Arts	3
AA S 584	Asian American Sexualities	3
AA S 585	Asian American Religiosities	3
AA S 587	Asian Americans and Environmental Justice	3
AA S 588	Asian American Media Workshop	3

AA S 591	Asian American Community Health Issues	3
AA S 595	Asian American Communities and Public Policy	3

Required Major Courses (9 Units)

Code	Title	Units
AA S 681	Asian American Community Changes and Development	3
AA S 696	Critical Approaches to Asian American Studies	3
AA S 697	Proseminar in Asian American Studies	3

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
ETHS 300GW	Writing in Ethnic Studies - GVAR	3

Complementary Studies

Bachelor of Arts students must complete 12 units of complementary studies outside of the primary prefix for the major and not cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.

Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the complementary studies requirement.

Students in the Asian American Studies major may also satisfy the complementary studies requirement by completing one of the following options:

- 12 units from an Asian Language Complementary Studies cluster.
- 3 units from each of these prefixes: AFRS, AIS, LTNS, and RRS (may not be from courses that are cross-listed with AA S).
- 12 units from one of these prefixes: AFRS, AIS, LTNS, or RRS (may not be from courses that are cross-listed with AA S).
- 12 units as partial completion of a minor.
- 12 units as partial completion of a certificate.
- 12 units from an Asia-related study abroad program.
- Upon advisement, a coherent group of courses complementary to the major.

With the approval of an advisor in the major, courses that fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement may be lower or upper-division units, resident or transfer units.

General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
Oral Communication	LD	3	A1
Written English Communication	LD	3	A2
Critical Thinking	LD	3	A3
Physical Science	LD	3	B1
Life Science	LD	3	B2
Lab Science	LD	1	B3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	B4
Arts	LD	3	C1
Humanities	LD	3	C2
Arts or Humanities	LD	3	C1 or C2

Social Sciences	LD	3	D1
Social Sciences: US History	LD	3	D2
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)	LD	3	E
Ethnic Studies	LD	3	F
Physical and/or Life Science	UD	3	UD-B
Arts and/or Humanities	UD	3	UD-C
Social Sciences	UD	3	UD-D

SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

- The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) tool found in your [Student Center](#).
- In order to choose your English Composition A2 course and your QR/Math B4 course, please complete the online advising activities at writingadvising.sfsu.edu (<https://writingadvising.sfsu.edu>) and mathadvising.sfsu.edu. Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu>).

[First-Time Student Roadmap \(http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/roadmap-i-ii-eng/\)](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/roadmap-i-ii-eng/)

SF State Scholars

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

[Asian American and Ethnic Studies SF State Scholars Roadmap \(http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/scholars-roadmap/\)](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/scholars-roadmap/)

[B.A. in Asian American Studies and Master of Public Administration SF State Scholars Roadmap \(http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/scholars-mpa-roadmap/\)](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/scholars-mpa-roadmap/)

Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)

For students with an AA-T in **Social Justice**.

[SJS ADT Roadmap \(http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/adt-roadmap/\)](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/ethnic-studies/asian-american-studies/ba-asian-american-studies/adt-roadmap/)

This degree program is an approved pathway (“similar” major) for students earning the ADT in Social Justice Studies

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area C and 3 units in lower-division GE area D until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a “similar” major after transfer. Determinations about “similar” majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a “similar” major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

General Advising Information for Transfer Students

- Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
- The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.

- a course in U.S. History
- a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AEL.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.