



## **Why choose Asian American studies at Cal State Fullerton?**

The Asian American Studies Program is designed for all students who want to learn more about the rich history, culture, complexity and growing importance of Asians and Pacific Islanders in America. Because it is interdisciplinary in scope, Asian American studies offers many rewarding career opportunities in a variety of areas. These include social work, community organizations, government agencies, counseling, business and elementary or high school education. The bachelor's degree also prepares students for advanced degrees in humanities, social sciences, public administration and law.

Our teaching faculty has backgrounds in disciplines such as communications, English, speech communications, history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology and human services. Resources include an established oral history program with a strong collection on the World War II Japanese American relocation, and two supporting organizations, the Asian Pacific Students Association and the Asian Faculty Staff Association. The Asian American Studies Program Council, consisting of supportive faculty and staff, administers the program.

## **What are the goals of the Asian American studies program?**

- To inform students about the history, challenges and triumphs of Asians and Pacific Islanders in America, including their contributions to this country.
- To build interracial and interethnic understanding and cooperation.
- To promote study and research on Asian Pacific Americans.
- To contribute to Asian Pacific American communities in Southern California.
- To develop critical thinking and communication skills.
- To prepare students in selected career paths where knowledge and understanding of the Asian Pacific American experience is important.

## **What courses are required?**

The Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies with an option in Asian American Studies requires 36 units of course work in Asian American studies.

If a student chooses the B.A. in Ethnic Studies (Asian American Studies) as a second major, up to 9 units can double-count in general education. Other Asian American studies requirements can be double-counted in a student's primary major.

### **Core Courses (12 units)**

- Asian American 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies
- Asian American History 201 The History of Asian Americans
- Asian American 300 Introduction to Asian American Studies
- Asian American 400 Research and Writing in Ethnic Studies

### **Topical requirements (12 units)**

Students choose 12 units minimum from groups (i), (ii) or (iii), including at least two 3-unit courses on distinct Asian Pacific American groups in group (i) below. In consultation with an adviser, students may pursue an emphasis in (i.) Specific Asian Pacific American Ethnic Groups, (ii.) Topics in Asian Pacific American Studies such as literature, art, communication, families, psychology or law, etc., or (iii) Non-Asian Ethnic Groups and Interethnic Relations in the U.S.

#### ***(i.) Specific Asian Pacific American Ethnic Groups***

- Asian American 220 Vietnamese Communities in the U.S.
- Asian American 360 Mixed Heritage Asian Americans
- Asian American 362 The Filipina/o American Experience
- Asian American 364 The South Asian American Experience
- Asian American 366 The Korean American Experience
- Asian American 368 The Vietnamese American Experience
- Asian American 370 The Chinese American Experience
- Asian American/History 411 World War II Japanese American Evacuation

#### ***(ii.) Topics in Asian Pacific American Studies***

- Asian American 308 Asian Pacific American Women
- Asian American 320 Asian American Creative Expression
- Asian American/English 327 Asian American Literature
- Asian American 340/Speech Comm 340 Asian American Communication
- Asian American 342 Asian Pacific American Families
- Asian American 344 Asian American Identities
- Asian American 346 Asian American Psychology
- Human Services 318 Human Services for Immigrants and Refugees

*(iii.) Non-Asian Ethnic Groups and Interethnic Relations in the U.S.*

Additional information about approved courses is available from the Asian American Studies adviser or the university catalog.

**Asian Language or Asian Cultures and Social Institutions (6 units)**

Students choose a total of 6 units from either or both areas. Additional information about approved courses is available from the Asian American Studies adviser or the university catalog.

**Internship and Community Research (6 units)**

Students choose a total of 6 units from one or more of the following courses:

- Internship in Asian American Studies (0-6 units)
- Asian American History 495 (0-3 units) Oral History Internship in Asian American Communities
- Asian American 499 (0-6 units) Independent Study - Senior project requiring community research

**What courses are required for the minor?**

The Asian American Studies minor consists of 21-23 required semester units, distributed between core, breadth, topical, and fieldwork or language proficiency requirements, with at least six units being upper-division units. See catalog for specific requirements.

**Who are the Asian American studies faculty?**

**Coordinator**

**Craig K. Ihara** (Professor of Philosophy, Ph.D., UCLA, 1972, Philosophy) Comparative Asian and Western ethics, and philosophical issues regarding ethnicity and identity. Phone: (714)278-2753. E-mail: [cihara@fullerton.edu](mailto:cihara@fullerton.edu)

**Undergraduate Adviser**

**Thomas Fujita Rony** (Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1995, American Culture) Japanese American internment and the history of immigrant labor in California. Phone: (714) 278-3869. E-mail: [tfujitarony@fullerton.edu](mailto:tfujitarony@fullerton.edu)

**Other Core Faculty**

**Jeffrey H. Brody** (Associate Professor of Communications, M.S., Columbia University, 1977, Journalism) Media portrayals of minorities and Vietnamese in Southern California, especially in Little Saigon.

**Mary Kay Crouch** (Associate Professor of English, Ph.D., USC, 1988, English) Literature related to the Vietnamese-American War.

**William B. Gudykunst** (Professor of Speech Communication, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1977, Speech Communication) Asian American patterns of communication.

**Arthur A. Hansen** (Professor of History, Ph.D., UC Santa Barbara, 1972, History, Director of the CSUF Oral History Program) Oral histories of recent immigrant communities.

**Mikyong Kim-Goh** (Associate Professor of Human Services, Ph.D., UC Berkeley, 1990, Social Welfare) Human services for immigrants and refugees, especially recent Asian American immigrants in Southern California.

**Eliza Noh** (Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, Ph.D. candidate, UC Berkeley, 2002) Suicide among APA women. Other areas include gender/cultural studies, race/coloniality and transnationalism.

**Michael Perez** (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ph.D., UC Riverside, 1997, Sociology) Pacific Islanders, substance abuse and violence among Asian Pacific youth.

**Yichin Shen** (Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Ph.D., Rutgers University, 1996, Comparative Literature) Asian American literature, especially male writers.

**Son Kim Vo** (Director of the Inter-Cultural Development Center, Ph.D., USC, 1975, Education) Southeast Asian immigrants in Orange County.

#### **ADJUNCT FACULTY**

Neil Gotanda (Professor of Law, Western State, J.D., Berkeley, 1972 & LL.M., Harvard University, 1980) Critical race theory and Asian American legal studies.

#### **AFFILIATED FACULTY**

Gloria Bogdan, M.A. Lecturer of Asian American Studies

Juana Chen, M.A. Lecturer of Asian American Studies

Richard Jong, M.A. Lecturer of Asian American Studies

Ellen Junn, Ph.D., Professor of Child and Adolescent Studies

Daniel W. Kee, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology

Lisa T. Mori, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology

Jocelyn Pacleb, M.A., Lecturer of Asian American Studies

Bhuvana Rao, Ph.D, Lecturer of Asian American Studies

Susan Shoho, M.S. Gerontology

Michael Paul Wong, Assistant Dean, College of  
Humanities and Social Sciences

Thomas Wong, Ph.D., Lecturer of Asian American Studies

#### **Where can I get more information?**

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