

# Asian Pacific American Studies, BA

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Engage in the histories and experiences of one of the fastest growing ethnic communities in the U.S., and examine how those experiences reflect local and global processes affecting our society and communities. Develop valuable analytical and applied skills via community-focused research and engagement.

## Program description

The BA program in Asian Pacific American studies prepares students to engage and transform their communities.


Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities include multiracial and multiethnic coalition-building and resistance, colonization and military occupation, exploited labor, Indigenous sovereignty, environmental justice, migration, multiracial identities, activism, creative resistance, and diverse genders and sexualities. These diverse AAPI experiences provide key insights about global processes that inform current issues and how AAPI communities have responded within local contexts.

Students may apply the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills they learn in this program to an optional internship working with local communities in culturally relevant ways that are productive and empowering.

Asian Pacific American studies emphasizes community-engaged research methods, local community collaboration and independent research for the development of transferable skills applicable to professional careers, civic engagement and world-making. The program applies a pedagogy of care and creative options that promote student learning and success.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[American Studies, MA](#)

[Social and Cultural Pedagogy, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Admission requirements

**General university admission requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Analyze a historical or contemporary issue affecting the AAPI community.
- Ability to critically discuss and analyze Asian American and Pacific Islander experiences and communities within local, national and global contexts.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the history of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in the U.S. through an internship or a research project under the supervision of an ASU faculty member.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

Students in the Asian Pacific American studies program are able to enhance their education by studying abroad.

With more than 300 [Global Education programs](#) available to them in more than 65 countries, including many countries in Asia, students can improve their language skills, gain firsthand experience in their field of study, and experience new and unique cultures. Students gain a new perspective on international affairs, dispel stereotypes and improve their cultural competency.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in Asian Pacific American studies.

## Career opportunities

Graduates who complete the bachelor's degree program in Asian Pacific American studies possess skills relevant for any career, professional degree or graduate school. Training from this program also complements work in positions involving:

- business
- community organizations
- creative arts
- education
- health
- immigration
- journalism
- law
- social work

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u><a href="#">Cultural Studies Professor</a></u>	3.9%	\$80,910
<u><a href="#">Educator</a></u>	2.3%	\$47,650
<u><a href="#">High School Teacher</a></u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u><a href="#">Historian</a></u>	3.1%	\$64,540
<u><a href="#">Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist)</a></u> ☀	5.9%	\$64,240
<u><a href="#">Intelligence Officer</a></u>	1.5%	\$86,280
<u><a href="#">Lawyer</a></u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u><a href="#">Museum Curator</a></u> ☀	11.1%	\$60,380
<u><a href="#">Public Relations Manager (PR Manager)</a></u> ☀	5.9%	\$129,430
<u><a href="#">Religious Leader</a></u>	0.6%	\$55,550

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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