Asian Pacific American Studies, BA

Explore how immigration, race relations and globalization influence the experiences of Asian American and Pacific Islander peoples and policies in the U.S., and learn beneficial skills to help with participation in your community, workplace and society as well as the critical theoretical and analytic foundations for graduate and professional degree programs.

Program Description

The BA program in Asian Pacific American studies prepares students to address issues of justice, equity and access at the intersections of citizenship, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and class and culture, and to identify actions and solutions based in community experiences and community-based research across multiple disciplines.

The program educates students in social justice, the global causes and impacts of Asian and Pacific Islander migration, relational and comparative racial formations, and ethnic studies movements that have made and continue to make a difference in society for all people.

Students have the opportunity to work with a dedicated faculty committed to community-engaged research and student-centered learning. Interdisciplinary faculty members have expertise in critical ethnic studies, diaspora and globalization, U.S imperialism and settler colonialism, social networks, immigration, interracial and interethnic relations, and the health and well-being of Asian Pacific American families and communities.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe
Additional Program Fee: Yes
Second Language Requirement: Yes
First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

American Studies, MA
Social and Cultural Pedagogy, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

**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 enhance their education by studying abroad. Study abroad programs, available in more than 65 countries, including many countries in Asia, allow students to improve their language skills, gain firsthand experience in their field of study and experience new and unique cultures around the world. Students gain a new perspective on international affairs, dispel stereotypes and improve their cultural competency. More information is available on the Global Education website: https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs, listed on the Global Education website, for students majoring in Asian Pacific American studies: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students-major/sst/asian-pacific-american-studies.

**Career Opportunities**

Students who complete the bachelor's degree program in Asian Pacific American studies may pursue a graduate degree in law, humanities or social sciences. Graduates also are prepared to work in positions involving:
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* 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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