

# Asian Pacific American Studies, Certificate

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Explore the fundamental contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to U.S. society through historical, cultural and political lenses, with a focus on how events have impacted their individual and community experiences.

## Description

Asian Pacific American studies 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.

Topics include diaspora, 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. The certificate program provides students with the opportunity to work with a dedicated faculty committed to community-engaged research and student-centered learning.

The Asian Pacific American studies program is housed in ASU's interdisciplinary School of Social Transformation, the only school of its kind in the United States.

## At a glance

- College/School: [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- Location: [Tempe](#)

## Program requirements

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The certificate consists of 18 credit hours, of which at least 12 must be completed at the upper-division level. Nine credit hours of core coursework are required and the remaining nine credit hours are selected

from any course with an APA subject. At least nine credit hours must be taken in residency at ASU. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

### **Required Core Courses -- 9 credit hours**

[APA 200: Introduction to Asian Pacific American Studies \(SOBE OR \(HU or SB\) & C\)](#) (3)

[APA 360: Asian Pacific American Experience](#) (3)

[APA 484 / SST 484: Internship](#) (3)

\*One APA 360 course is required for the core. The course may be repeated for credit with these different topics: Chinese Americans; Filipinx Americans; Japanese Americans; Multiracial; Pacific Islander.

### **Electives -- 9 credit hours**

[APA Elective](#) (3)

[APA Upper Division Elective](#) (6)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **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:

- Students will perform critical analysis of a historical or contemporary issue affecting the Asian Pacific American population drawing upon key concepts in the field of Asian Pacific American studies.
- Students will be able to summarize a range of Asian American and Pacific Islander experiences and communities within local, national and global contexts.

## **Career opportunities**

Graduates who have combined the certificate in Asian Pacific American studies with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in law, education, public service, and human welfare and social work.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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