Asian Pacific American Studies, **Minor**

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Learn about the contributions and experiences of Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders and how those experiences have shaped societies and cultures in the U.S. You'll have the opportunity to explore these issues through a variety of historical, cultural and political lenses.

**Description**

The Asian Pacific American studies minor program prepares students to address issues of justice, equity and access at the intersections of citizenship, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, class and culture and to identify actions and solutions based in community experiences and community-based research across multiple disciplines. Students have the opportunity to work with a dedicated faculty committed to community-engaged research and student-centered learning.

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. The interdisciplinary faculty (https://sst.asu.edu/apas-faculty?dept=95886&id=1) comprises 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.

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](https://sst.asu.edu/)
- **Location:** Tempe campus
Program Requirements

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The minor in Asian Pacific American studies requires a total of 18 credit hours, including six credit hours of core courses and 12 elective credit hours selected from courses with the APA subject. A minimum of 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 higher.

A minimum of nine credit hours must be upper-division coursework. No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement in the minor.

Required Core Courses -- 6 credit hours

APA 200: Introduction to Asian Pacific American Studies ((HU or SB) & C) (3)
APA 360: Asian Pacific American Experience ((HU or SB) & C) (3)

Electives (choose four) -- 12 credit hours

APA 210: Introduction to Ethnic Studies in the U.S. (C) (3)
APA 310: Asian Pacific American Arts and Cultures (HU & C) (3)
APA 315: Asian Pacific American Literature (HU & C) (3)
APA 330: Asian Pacific American Genders and Sexualities ((L or SB) & C) (3)
APA 340: Asian Pacific Americans and Media (HU & C) (3)
APA 345: Asian Pacific Americans and Film (HU & C & H) (3)
APA 360: Asian Pacific American Experience ((HU or SB) & C) (3)
APA 450: Asian Pacific American Contemporary Issues (SB & C) (3)
APA 484: Internship (3)
APA 499: Individualized Instruction (3)

APA 360 Asian Pacific American Experience is required for the core. The course may be repeated for APA elective credit if taken with different topic titles.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA in Asian Pacific American studies

Other Enrollment Requirements: None
Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

**Career Opportunities**

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide. Those with a minor in Asian Pacific American studies are able to bring specialized knowledge and skills pertaining to social justice concerns to a variety of professional careers, including law, education, public service, and human welfare and social work.

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