Asian-American Studies

The minor in Asian-American Studies is designed to enrich students' critical understanding of both the individual experiences and collective histories of Asian Americans in regional, national and transnational contexts. As an inter- and multi-disciplinary program, it underlines transnational contexts and comparative perspectives for the study of Asian-American experiences. By promoting knowledge and understanding of a wide range of Asian-American individuals and groups through teaching and research, the minor aims to provide new classroom opportunities for undergraduate students to explore Asian-American experiences. It intends to enhance communication and collaboration among various cultural, ethnic and racial groups; to facilitate intellectual exchanges; and to broaden academic inquiries on the subjects of migration, ethnicity and race across different disciplines and programs at Washington University. Involved departments include American Culture Studies; East Asian Studies and South Asian Studies; African and African-American Studies; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and American Indian Studies.

The minor in Asian-American Studies can nicely complement a major in American Culture Studies, East Asian Studies, East Asian Languages and Cultures, English, Global Studies, History, Sociology and other fields. Because the questions that animate Asian-American Studies span disciplinary boundaries, the minor will inspire students to draw on the methods and insights of multiple disciplines to engage with complex real-world problems that necessitate interdisciplinary thinking. Situated in the larger context of the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the minor in Asian-American Studies is an integral part of the diversity and inclusion initiatives at Washington University that nurture a culturally and academically stimulating environment.

The Asian-American Studies minor is an independent minor administered by Global Studies.

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