

# ASIAN/PACIFIC/AMERICAN STUDIES (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/apa/>)

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## Program Description

The program in Asian/Pacific/American studies, housed in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA), offers a rigorous and broad education in the history and contemporary experiences of Asian peoples—whether from East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, or from diasporic communities across the world—in the present-day Americas. Students gain an understanding of Asian American culture in relation to such topics as law, art, health, urban politics, community studies, (popular) culture, language, and art. The program collaborates closely with the A/P/A Institute to bring important artists, scholars, performers, and activists to campus where they engage in close dialogue with undergraduates, faculty, and the broader New York community. Its stellar teaching staff, many of whom also have prominent careers as curators, activists, and artists, offers a diverse range of courses from the politics of beauty to secret histories of New York.

## Honors Program

Majors who have completed 48 credits of graded work in CAS and have a 3.65 GPA or higher (both overall and in the major) are encouraged to register for SCA-UA 92 in the fall semester of their senior year. Upon successful completion of the seminar requirement, students will be eligible to register for SCA-UA 93 in the spring. Information about the honors program can be found at [as.nyu.edu/sca/](http://as.nyu.edu/sca/) (<http://as.nyu.edu/sca/>).

## Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Introductory Courses</i>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures (offered every fall)	4
<i>Elective Courses</i>		

Select six elective Asian/Pacific/American studies courses of which four must be taught by SCA faculty <sup>2</sup>

<i>Research Course</i>		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Other Elective Credits		48
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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SCA-UA 42 is no longer required but is highly recommended and can count as an elective. One A/P/A language course can count as an elective if taught by SCA faculty.

## Language and Linguistic Competency

The type of rigorous intercultural study promoted within the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis requires students to recognize the complex modes of communication at work both within and across different social groups. Studying the modern incarnation of these languages reveals the cross-cultural forces that have shaped them. We speak what we are and have been. The department therefore strongly encourages its students to develop advanced skills in Cantonese, Filipino, and/or any language spoken in the Asia or Pacific regions by any of the following means: taking language courses offered in A/P/A studies; taking elective courses in sociolinguistics; studying these languages beyond the minimum level required by the College of Arts and Science; pursuing community-based internship fieldwork necessitating the development and use of specific language skills; or undertaking study or research abroad in contexts entailing the exercise of key language or linguistic capabilities.

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures (must be taught by SCA faculty)	4
Foreign Language I		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Other Elective Credits		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Foreign Language II		4
Texts and Ideas		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective (#1 of 6) <sup>1</sup>		4
Foreign Language III		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Other Elective Credits		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective (#2 of 6) <sup>1</sup>		4
Foreign Language IV		4

Societies and the Social Sciences	4
Other Elective Credits	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective (#3 of 6) <sup>1</sup>	4
Physical Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>6th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective (#4 of 6) <sup>1</sup>	4
Major Elective (#5 of 6) <sup>1</sup>	4
Life Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>7th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective (#6 of 6) <sup>1</sup>	4
Other Elective Credits	4
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Other Elective Credits	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>8th Semester/Term</b>	
SCA-UA 90      Advanced Research Seminar	4
Other Elective Credits	4
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Other Elective Credits	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>128</b>

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Chosen from designated Asian/Pacific/American Studies Electives. Of the six Major Elective courses, four must be taught by SCA faculty.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

1. Critical thinking tools for the analysis of social, cultural, and political formations.
2. Familiarity with theories for the study of race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, space, and nation.
3. Proficiency in written and oral communication.
4. The ability to produce original research on topics relevant to the major using textual/literary, archival, ethnographic, and/or quantitative research methods.
5. Engagement and familiarity with primary texts in Asian/Pacific/American Studies.

## Policies

### Policy on Double Counting of Courses

#### Majors

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

#### Minors

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

## NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

## College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).