

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 City 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 City.

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 Senior Honors Seminar 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 Senior Honors Thesis in the spring. Information about the honors program can be found at 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>).

Program Requirements

The Asian/Pacific/American Studies major requires nine 4-credit courses (36 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below. Students who do not take a Cultures and Contexts course as the second introductory course for the major must still take CORE-UA 5xx as a graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4

Major Requirements

Introductory Courses (Two)

SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
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Select one of the following:

CORE-UA 529	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures	4
CORE-UA 534	Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic	4
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures	4
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist	4
SCA-UA 747	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity	4
URBS-UA 102	The City ²	4

Elective Courses

Select six elective Asian/Pacific/American studies courses of which	24
four must be taught by SCA faculty ³	4

Research Course

SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
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Electives

Other Elective Credits	48
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Total Credits	128
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¹ 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.

² Formerly SCA-UA 601, Approaches to Metropolitan Studies.

³ One A/P/A language course can count as an elective if taught by SCA faculty.

Language and Linguistic Competency

The department 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
1st Semester/Term		
Select one of the following (see footnote below): ¹		
Foreign Language I		
First-Year Seminar		
Other Elective Credits		
2nd Semester/Term		
SCA-UA 101		
Social and Cultural Analysis 101		
Foreign Language II		
Texts and Ideas		
EXPOS-UA 1		
Writing as Inquiry		
3rd Semester/Term		
Major Elective (#1 of 6) ²		
Foreign Language III		

Quantitative Reasoning	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
4th Semester/Term	
Major Elective (#2 of 6) ²	4
Foreign Language IV	4
Societies and the Social Sciences	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
5th Semester/Term	
Major Elective (#3 of 6) ²	4
Physical Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
6th Semester/Term	
Major Elective (#4 of 6) ²	4
Major Elective (#5 of 6) ²	4
Life Science	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
7th Semester/Term	
Major Elective (#6 of 6) ²	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
SCA-UA 90 Advanced Research Seminar	4
Other Elective Credits	4
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Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
Total Credits	128

¹ Select one of the following: CORE-UA 529 Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures OR CORE-UA 534 Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic OR CORE-UA 539 Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures OR SCA-UA 230 Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist OR SCA-UA 747 Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity OR URBS-UA 102 The City (Formerly SCA-UA 601 Approaches to Metropolitan Studies).

² Chosen from designated Asian/Pacific/American Studies Electives. Of the six Major Elective courses, four must be taught by SCA faculty.

Policies

Program 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/>).

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.