

Fall 2025 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston — March 2025 draft

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies -- AsAmSt Digital Story Archive Focus

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 4641** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **TBA**

This course connects students with the interdisciplinary approaches and resources of Asian American Studies at UMass Boston through explorations of relevant issues, themes, and activities on campus and within local community contexts. In Fall 2025, Dr. Tang will feature the AsAmSt Digital Storytelling video archive collection.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm **Class # 3276** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **TBA**

This multi-disciplinary course examines the social, historical, and structural contexts defining the past, present, and future experiences of Asians in the US. Topics include migration, labor, race relations, stereotypes, international politics, and local/global diasporic communities. Displacement will also be a thematic focus.

AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 2895** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **TBA**

Centering on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the US since 1975 with attention to local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell, this course focuses on refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections.

AsAmSt 226 Becoming South Asian

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 13044** **Mondays 4:00-6:45pm** **remote**

This course explores the histories, identities, and contemporary concerns of global diasporic communities formed by people with homeland origins from South Asia, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

AsAmSt 228L Asian Women in the U.S.

Linh-Phuong Vũ **Class # 2893** **Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **TBA**

This multi-disciplinary course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including cultural roles and media stereotypes; intersectional identities and resistance to race, gender, class, and LGBTQ oppression; and family/community contexts for health, well-being, leadership, and activism.

AsAmSt 250G Intermediate Seminar: Rise Up! Asian American Leadership and Social Change

Mr. Pratna Kem **Class # 13075** **Mondays 4:00-6:45pm** **TBA**

This intermediate seminar discusses the legacy of the Asian American movement since the 1960s with current activities, directions, and perspectives of Asian American leaders and organizations. Students learn theories and models of leadership and organization within the context of social movements and Asian American history.

AsAmSt 270 Cambodian American Culture and Community

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 2894** **TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm** **TBA**

This course explores significant themes from the cultural and historical past and present of Khmer/Cambodian Americans, including their cross-generational realities as refugees, immigrants, and racial minorities, their communities in the US, and their continuing diasporic relationships to Cambodia. Local stories are highlighted.

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 4644** **Tuesdays 5:30-8:15pm** **remote**

This course provides an introduction to Indian cinema and to Indian culture and society through the study of the Indian film industry—the largest producer of feature films in the world. We examine films as entertainment as well as cultural narratives and commentaries on society with themes of social change, gender, and family.

AsAmSt 423L Boston's Asian American Communities --Have You Eaten Yet?

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm **Class # 3418** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **TBA**

This advanced course examines the dynamics of Asian American community development through historical cases, research/policy reports, role plays, field trips, presentations by local practitioners, and student projects. In Fall 2025, Dr. Lâm will include structured dinner table conversations around food, culture, diaspora.

AsAmSt 478 Independent Study 1-3 credits Kiang (2644) Srinivas (2643) Tang (2645) Ty (2646) Lâm (4640)

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Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 37+ years of campus/community impact

UMass Boston is the only research university in New England designated and funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010 as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). In 2009, APAs for Progress selected UMB as one of the 10 Best Colleges for AAPI students in the US. In 2027, the Asian American Studies Program will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The Asian American Studies (AsAmSt) Program offers intellectually-challenging, emotionally-engaging, culturally-responsive instruction in the classroom with holistic practices of mentoring, community-building, service-learning, and advocacy to address the academic and social needs of students as well as the critical capacity-building needs of local Asian American communities. AsAmSt is open to students from any UMass Boston college and provides relevant preparation for professionals and practitioners in education, counseling, health, community development, business, and other fields affected by Asian American demographic growth. Graduate students from any area who have Asian American Studies interests can serve as teaching/research assistants, mentors to undergraduates, and project developers for the program.

Recognized as a national model, the program offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any public or private university in New England. Our alumni include teachers, social workers, health care providers, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of local Asian community organizations. By grounding our curriculum, teaching, and applied research in the local/global realities of metro Boston's communities and by respecting the knowledge and bilingual/bicultural skills that students bring to the classroom, the AsAmSt Program creates powerful learning environments for all students to gain critical understandings of the historical experiences, voices, contemporary issues, and contributions of diverse Asian populations in the US.

Completing a six-course program-of-study concentration in Asian American Studies

Students with any major from any UMass Boston college can complete a six-course program-of-study in Asian American Studies (comparable to a minor or concentration) based on completing three 200-level AsAmSt courses and three upper-level (300- or 400-level) AsAmSt courses.

Students with serious interests in designing a 10-course individual major in Asian American Studies through the College of Education and Human Development at UMass Boston should contact the AsAmSt Program as early as possible.

In 2023-2024, one student completed an individual major in Asian American Studies and seven graduated with the AsAmSt program-of-study. See: [https://www.umb.edu/media/umassboston/editor-uploads/asian-american-studies-program/asamst-grads24-\(2\).pdf](https://www.umb.edu/media/umassboston/editor-uploads/asian-american-studies-program/asamst-grads24-(2).pdf) for details and other AsAmSt accomplishments.

Previous examples of AsAmSt graduating student and alumni profiles are available here: <https://www.umb.edu/education/global-inclusion/asamst/asamst-graduations/>

For more information and individualized advising, visit the Asian American Studies Program in Wheatley Building, second floor, Room 097 (W-2-097) or contact Dr. Peter Kiang, AsAmSt Program Director via peter.kiang@umb.edu