

Spring 2024 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Oct 2023 draft)

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 8393** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-064**

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.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 8392** **TuTh 11:00am -12:15pm** **W-1-064**

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.

AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Shirley Tang, Ammany Ty, Nia Duong **Class # 9558** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **W-1-041**

In focusing on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the U.S. since 1975, this course addresses refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections with an emphasis on local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell.

AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology

Dr. Karen Suyemoto **Class # 10034** **TuTh 11:00am -12:15pm** **W-1-041**

This course examines theories, practices, and community resources in Asian American psychology and mental health related to racial identity formation, refugee trauma and resilience, and immigrant acculturation.

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

Mr. Pratna Kem, Nghia Minh Nguyen **Class # 7952** **TuTh 4:00 -5:15pm** **W-1-009**

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

AsAmSt 294 Resources for Vietnamese American Studies

Ms. Linh-Phuong Vũ **Class # 8926** **Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-064**

This course connects students to theories, methods, resources, and voices related to the migrations and reconstructions of identity, culture, and community for Vietnamese in the U.S. and their diasporic relationships to Viet Nam. The course includes presentations by local Vietnamese American researchers, writers, and community leaders.

AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internships I

Dr. Peter Kiang, Khong Meng Her **Class # 9506** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-064**

This 3-6 credit course supports internships and direct engagement with local Asian American community organizations or agencies serving local Asian American populations and issues. Prior experience in Asian American Studies is expected.

AsAmSt 398 Applied Research in Asian American Studies II: Data Story Lab

Dr. Shirley Tang & DST **Class # 12332** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-060**

In Spring 2024, this DST-led AANAPISI student-centered course will focus on the development and application of digital storytelling and other participatory forms of storytelling as critical and creative approaches to narrative research and data production grounded in AANAPISI students' educational persistence. Also see: <https://www.instagram.com/plantjustseeds/>

AsAmSt 498 Teaching & Learning in Asian American Studies II — AA Leadership Education

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 13091** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-052**

This AANAPISI-centered course enables advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and practitioners to develop Asian American Studies research/education/advocacy projects relevant to local K-12, higher education, and community education settings. Significant prior coursework in Asian American Studies is expected.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study 1-3 credits by arrangement Kiang (#7319) Srinivas (#7316) Tang (#7317) Ty (#7318)

For information about classes, curriculum resources, alumni and community networks, a six-course program-of-study or 10-course individual major, and graduate program opportunities, contact the Asian American Studies Program in W-2-097 or via peter.kiang@umb.edu; also see: <https://www.umb.edu/education/global-inclusion/asamst/>

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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 2022, the Asian American Studies Program celebrated its 35th 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 U.S.

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 2022-2023, one student completed an individual major in Asian American Studies and fifteen students graduated with the AsAmSt program-of-study. Examples of AsAmSt graduating student and alumni profiles are available here:

<https://www.umb.edu/education/global-inclusion/asamst/asamst-graduations/>

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