

Asian Studies (ASNS)

ASNS 1150. East Asian Studies. (4 Hours)

Seeks to provide an understanding of the constituent characteristics that originally linked East Asia as a region and the nature of the transformations that have occurred in the region over the last two thousand years. Concentrates on China and Japan, and addresses Korea and Vietnam where possible. Also seeks to provide students with effective interdisciplinary analytical skills as well as historical, ethical, cultural diversity, and aesthetic perspectives. ASNS 1150 and HIST 1150 are cross-listed.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

ASNS 1246. World War II in the Pacific. (4 Hours)

Studies World War II, the most devastating war in history, which began in Asia and had a great long-term impact there. Using historical and literary texts, examines the causes, decisive battles, and lingering significance of the conflict on both sides of the Pacific.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Societies/Institutions

ASNS 1990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 2245. Introduction to Asian American Studies. (4 Hours)

Seeks to provide an understanding of the major concepts, historical narratives, and analytical approaches in the field of Asian American studies. Concentrates on the experiences of migrants and descendants from China, Japan, India, Korea, the Philippines, and Southeast Asia. Offers students an opportunity to obtain interdisciplinary analytical skills, including approaches in history, anthropology, sociology, critical ethnic studies, American studies, cultural studies, and media studies.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Interpreting Culture

ASNS 2290. Asian American Politics. (4 Hours)

Explores the political developments that gave rise to the term "Asian America" in the 1960s and investigates theoretical questions about the complexities and pluralities of the contemporary Asian American experience. Examines Asian American political participation around current issues such as immigration and migration patterns, intragroup coalitions, racial stereotypes, data disaggregation, political representation, voting patterns, policy preferences, and more. Considers the role of American political institutions—including federal, state, and local governments—and how public policies at all levels shape the political lives of Asian Americans in the United States.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Societies/Institutions

ASNS 2300. The Environment in Asia and the World. (4 Hours)

Presents an overview of the meanings associated with "the environment" across different cultures. Analyzes how people and institutions have differently conceptualized the relationship between humans and nature (either through philosophy, science, or religion). Demonstrates the connection between present-day environmental crises and cultural/historical factors. Compares different Asian contexts to other geographic areas. Aims to train students to think creatively about alternative human-environment relations.

Attribute(s): NUpath Interpreting Culture

ASNS 2378. Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States. (4 Hours)

Explores how race and ethnicity influence American political institutions and the behaviors of their residents. Defines concepts like race and ethnicity and the impact that immigration has on diversifying the American polity. Investigates the three dominant ethno-racial minority groups (i.e., Black and African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos/as/x) and their political behaviors. Surveys topics such as the formation of partisan identification (i.e., Democrats and Republicans); political representation; policy preferences and public opinions; and mobilization and group-based participation.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Societies/Institutions

ASNS 2990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 3100. Asian American Cinemas. (4 Hours)

Introduces the multiple and complex histories of Asian American cinema, from its genesis as radical independent filmmaking to its development across commercial industries and new digital media. Concentrates on a range of creative productions, from documentary and narrative features to experimental, avant-garde, and short video. Offers students an opportunity to obtain the skills to analyze the institutional processes and historical contexts of Asian American cinema and the genres, techniques, and aesthetics of Asian American filmmakers.

Prerequisite(s): ENGW 1102 with a minimum grade of C- or ENGW 1111 with a minimum grade of C- or ENGW 1113 with a minimum grade of C- or ENGW 1114 with a minimum grade of C-

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Integration Experience, NUpath Interpreting Culture

ASNS 3482. East Asian Politics. (4 Hours)

Examines the politics of East Asian societies as they cope with a variety of challenges. Focuses on economic development, environment, energy, and security in Japan, China, and the Koreas.

Prerequisite(s): ASNS 1150 with a minimum grade of C or POLS 1155 with a minimum grade of C

ASNS 3485. China: Governance and Foreign Policy. (4 Hours)

Focuses on China's political system and the major issues confronted: leadership recruitment and succession, economic policies and development, class and class struggle, political culture and socialization, human rights, civil society, the media, and both internal and external security concerns. Examines how ideology, development, culture, and the pursuit of China's national interest affect governance.

Prerequisite(s): POLS 1155 with a minimum grade of D-

ASNS 3990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4220. South Asian Diasporas. (4 Hours)

Seeks to provide an understanding of South Asians as one of the largest migrant communities globally, coming from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. Concentrates on the diaspora as a heterogeneous group comprising multiple nationalities, religions, castes, classes, languages, and genders. Examines the history, opportunities, and challenges of South Asian mobility and migration. Draws from texts in sociocultural anthropology, Asian American studies, history, and transnational feminist studies to trace the emergence of a new global regime on migration and citizenship through the unprecedented mobility of South Asians in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1101 with a minimum grade of D- or CRIM 1100 with a minimum grade of D- or HUSV 1101 with a minimum grade of D- or INTL 1101 with a minimum grade of D- or POLS 1140 with a minimum grade of D- or POLS 1160 with a minimum grade of D- or SOCL 1101 with a minimum grade of D- or WMNS 1103 with a minimum grade of D-

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity, NUpath Societies/Institutions

ASNS 4900. Asian Studies Capstone Directed Study. (4 Hours)

Offers independent intensive reading and writing on key interdisciplinary issues in Asian studies under the direction of faculty members in Asian studies on a topic chosen in consultation with the instructor.

Attribute(s): NUpath Capstone Experience, NUpath Writing Intensive

ASNS 4990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

ASNS 4992. Directed Study. (1-4 Hours)

Offers students an opportunity for special readings and research in Asian studies. May be repeated without limit.