ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN STUDIES, MINOR

The Program

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Studies (APIA) program advances interdisciplinary and global research, scholarship, and praxis immersed in the experiences and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and their global diasporas. Through teaching, community service, research, and programming, APIA furthers the understanding of the histories, cultures, identities, and experiences of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by exposing the structural and ideological forces that shape the lives of APIA communities.

The Major and Minor

The major and minor in Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies provide students with the research, interpretive, analytical and creative skills needed to examine the historical and contemporary experiences of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States and in a global context. The curriculum seeks to educate students with the breadth of knowledge about the cultural, political, and economic organization of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in order to deepen and expand their understanding of diverse and multicultural perspectives within American society and the world.

Faculty Advising & Mentorship

Students receive sustained individualized advising and mentorship from faculty drawn from the arts, humanities, education, and social sciences, making it possible to study APIA communities in various contexts, including Asian and Pacific Islander diasporas, racialization, globalization, the American Civil Rights movement, decolonization, and Third World solidarity. APIA faculty mentor students with a view towards their general welfare, wellness, and self-determination by offering courses and experiences that develop not only the creative expressions, voices, critical pedagogies, and analyses of APIA peoples but also inculcate a commitment to social justice, equity, and activism within Asian American communities, and respect for differences, especially ethnic diversity.

Praxis Pathway to Career & Graduate Study

The APIA major and minor culminate in a praxis capstone designed for students to integrate this knowledge base into its practical application in their chosen disciplinary methodology or career path such as medicine, law, business, government, public policy, film, theater, and education.

Internships in Asia

The program collaborates with the Charles Center and the program in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in officiating the APIA-AMES Freeman Intern Fellowship in Asia where students can apply to intern in Asia on fully funded fellowships. As APIA-AMES Freeman Fellows, they further their research and community engagement in APIA 385 Student Think Tank-AMES 385 Student Think Tank, a COLL 300 William & Mary in the World course taught by Professor Francis Tanglao Aguas, the fellowship's faculty director.

Students may declare their intention to minor in Asian & Pacific Islander American Studies, Global Studies after completing any one course in the program.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Gateway		
APIA 205	Approaches to Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies	3
Core		
Select nine credits from the catalog of APIA courses		9
Elective		**3**
AFST 210	Medicine, Arts, and Social Justice	
Senior Seminar		
AFST 371	The Idea of Race	
Select three credits of a 400-level APIA course, except for APIA 480		3
APIA 444	Filipino American & Diaspora Studies	
APIA 445	Korean American Diaspora Studies	
APIA 480	Independent Study	
APIA 495	Honors	
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THEA 333	South Asian Performance	
Total Hours		**18**

Note

Courses may not be used to fulfill more than one requirement in the minor.