

Fall 2022 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston —Mar 2022 draft

AsAmSt 423L Boston's Asian American Communities

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Class # 4323

Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm

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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.

AsAmSt 478 Independent Study 1-3 credits

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Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 35+ 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 as an Asian American 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 2017, the Asian American Studies Program celebrated its 30th 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 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.