

Spring 2025 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Nov 2024 draft)

AsAmSt 220 Special Topics: Asian American Pop Culture and Communication

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10683** **TuTh 4:00-5:15pm** **Remote**

This seminar examines popular culture and communication from a sociological and comparative perspective with emphasis on the influences of media and entertainment in everyday life and the global production and consumption of popular culture. Asian American content and community representation are featured as well as how dynamics of intercultural and intergenerational communication can be analyzed and improved.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 8409** **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. Peter Kiang **Class # 9179** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-064**

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 10753** **TuTh 4:00-5:15pm** **W-1-064**

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 226 Becoming South Asians

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10755** **Tuesdays 5:30-8:15pm** **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/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology

Dr. Karen Suyemoto **Class # 9450** **TuTh 9:30-10:45am** **W-1-063**

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

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm & Mr. Pratna Kem **Class # 8014** **Thursdays 4:00 -6:45pm** **W-1-063**

With a special 2025 focus on the Filipino American experience, this intermediate seminar discusses the legacy of the Asian American movement, 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. [Enroll by instructor permission; for those who have taken an intermediate seminar, but still wish to access this course for its Pin@y content, then contact the instructors asap]

AsAmSt/PolSci 265L World War II Internment of Japanese Americans

Dr. Paul Watanabe **Class # 14209** **Wednesdays 4:00 -6:45pm** **W-1-062**

The US Government in 1942 commenced the internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. This course considers political, economic, legal, sociological and historical matters in the examination of this chapter in American life. The course encompasses experiences beyond the internment, including early Japanese immigration, the battle for redress and reparations, and the current status of Japanese and Asian Americans.

AsAmSt 294 Resources for Vietnamese American Studies

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm **Class # 8823** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **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.

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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AsAmSt 350L Asian American Literary Voices

Dr. Susan Tan

Class # 10671

TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm

W-1-063

An advanced study of poetry, fiction, drama, and autobiography by Asian American writers to explore the complex interplay between constructions of ethnic identity and literary expression. Students will engage with the highly diverse face of contemporary Asian America, probing its literature for emerging themes like diaspora, transnationalism, and sexuality and analyzing their impact on the US literary landscape.

AsAmSt 370 Asian American Media Literacy

Dr. Shirley Tang

Class # 10752

TuTh 12:30-1:45pm

W-1-063

This digital storytelling in AsAmSt course enables advanced Asian American Studies students to develop a critical eye toward popular media representations and to create alternative media products based on their own real life real stories. Also see: <https://www.instagram.com/plantjustseeds/>

AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internships I

Ms. Linh-Phuong Vũ

Class # 9142

Wednesdays 5:30-8:15pm

W-1-019

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. During Spring 2025, the course focus will primarily be dedicated to the 1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Commemoration Initiative in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Boston's Vietnamese community. Class meetings will take place in the Boston Little Saigon organizational space in Fields Corner, Dorchester.

AsAmSt 420 Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies — AI for All

M-3-415

Dr. Shirley Tang

Class # 10684

Fridays 2:00-4:45pm 3-5 in-person sessions + zoom

In Spring 2025, this unique Special Topics course—offered for the first time collaboratively by departments, including Computer Science with coordination by Dr. Wei Ding, Director of UMB's Paul English Applied AI Institute—will enable AsAmSt students and others to understand the impact and applications of artificial intelligence (AI) across diverse disciplines. The course emphasizes not only the technical aspects of AI but also its social, ethical, and diversity implications.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study 1-3 credits Kiang (#7427) Lâm (9320) Srinivas (#7424) Tang (#7425) Ty (#7426)

Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 38+ years of campus/community impact

UMass Boston is the only R1 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). 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.

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.

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