



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**B.A. in Asian American Studies**

***Students graduating with a B.A. in Asian American Studies should be able to demonstrate:***

*Literacy in Civic Discourse*

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- Identify underlying premises or biases at work in political, social, and cultural debates, and demonstrate knowledge of the following analytical frameworks:
  - the intersectionality of race, gender, class, and sexuality;
  - the interconnected nature of racial politics and structural inequality; and
  - the links between local, national, and global systems.

*Literacy in Epistemological Methods*

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- Assess empirical approaches appropriate to given constructions of knowledge.

*Facility in Academic Writing and Research*

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- Design and conduct research:
  - develop methodologically-appropriate research questions;
  - structure clear argumentative essays;
  - engage in reasoned analysis;
  - articulate the social significance of their research.

*Historical and Conceptual Grounding*

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- Demonstrate knowledge of Asian American history and of the major debates of the discipline, both established and emerging.

*Impact*

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- Articulate the values of diversity and social justice; describe the varied ways in which power is exercised, legitimized, and contested.