

Global Asian Studies

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Global Asian Studies engages in an interdisciplinary study of Asia, as well as transoceanic and transnational Asian diasporas, and provides a framework for understanding how Asians and Asian Americans have contributed to the making of our modern globalized world. It emphasizes the study of Asian geographies, histories, languages, cultures, and politics, including, and especially, Asian and Asian American histories and cultures, even as it interrogates the frames of area studies and ethnic studies within which such analyses have traditionally been located. With its emphasis on diasporas, transnationalism, and comparative ethnic/racial studies, Global Asian Studies aims to better understand the globalized world we live in, and redress some of the shortcomings of a limited focus on area (Asian studies) and ethnic studies (Asian American Studies) frames of analysis. Global Asian Studies also reflects current knowledge formations in relation to new immigration patterns and historical shifts in U.S. and global racial formations, including an emphasis on Islamophobia, new Orientalisms, and anti-Black, as well as anti-Arab/Muslim, racisms. Anchored by an intersectional, social justice, and community-engaged framework, the pedagogical and intellectual work of Global Asian Studies encourages an examination of racial formations, and an understanding of Asia and Asian diasporas as complex nexuses of knowledge and power, shaped and reshaped over time and space. An education in Global Asian Studies can effectively prepare students for a variety of careers in the arts, business, education, government, health sciences, international affairs, public policy, media relations, politics, social services, as well as graduate research in the humanities, interdisciplinary programs, and sciences in our present-day, connected world.

Distinction

To be considered for Departmental Distinction, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25/4.00, a GPA of 3.50/4.00 in all Global Asian Studies courses, and meet all course requirements for a major in Global Asian Studies.

To be eligible for High or Highest Distinction, the student must have a grade point average of 3.75/4.00 in all Global Asian Studies courses. In addition, eligible students must submit a final project for departmental review that demonstrates excellent work and must make a seminar presentation on this project to a session of Global Asian Studies majors and faculty. The determination of high or highest distinction will be made by the faculty on the basis of the grade point average, the project, and the presentation.

Degree Program

- [BA with a Major in Global Asian Studies](#)

Minor

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