

Fall 2026 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston — March 2026 draft

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 3927** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-064**

This course connects students with the interdisciplinary approaches and resources of Asian American Studies at UMass Boston through explorations of relevant issues, themes, and activities on campus and within local community contexts.

AsAmSt 220 Special Topics: Asian American Pop Culture and Communication

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10584** **MW 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.

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm **Class # 3088** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **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-01 Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 2744** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **W-1-064**

Centering on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the US since 1975 with attention to local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell, this course focuses on refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections.

AsAmSt 225L-02 Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 10585** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-063**

Centering on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the US since 1975 with attention to local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell, this course focuses on refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections.

AsAmSt 226-01 Becoming South Asian

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 4423** **Mondays 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 226-02 Becoming South Asian

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10583** **Wednesdays 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 270 Cambodian American Culture and Community

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 2743** **TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm** **W-1-064**

This course explores significant themes from the cultural and historical past and present of Khmer/Cambodian Americans, including their cross-generational realities as refugees, immigrants, and racial minorities, their communities in the US, and their continuing diasporic relationships to Cambodia. Local stories are highlighted.

AsAmSt 353L Community Economic Development in the US: Class, Race, Ethnicity

Dr. Chi-Kan Richard Hung **Class # 4598** **TuTh 4:00-5:15pm** **W-1-058**

This course provides a framework to understand local economic development issues and resources central to sustainable community economic development, such as physical capital, business development and entrepreneurship, financial capital, social capital, household asset accumulation, education, and workforce development. Special attention is given to challenges and opportunities of local economic development among low- and moderate-income, racial minority, and immigrant groups in urban communities.

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AsAmSt 397 Applied Research in Asian American Studies I: Mapping Belonging—Asian American Placemaking

Dr. Sơn Ca Lâm

Class # 10473

Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm

W-1-064

In Fall 2026, this interactive, applied research seminar features a co-teaching collaboration with Dr. MyDzung Chu, Director of the ADAPT Coalition (Addressing Disparities in Asian Populations Through Translational Research).

AsAmSt 423L Boston's Asian American Communities

Dr. Peter Kiang

Class # 3210

Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm

W-1-034

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 Kiang (2523) Srinivas (2522) Tang (2524) Lâm (2525) Ty (3643) Vu (3926)

Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 39 years of campus/community impact

UMass Boston is the only research university in New England designated and funded continuously from 2010 to 2025 by the U.S. Department of Education as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). In 2027, the Asian American Studies Program will celebrate its 40th 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, UMB's AsAmSt Program offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any public or private university in New England. Our alumni include K-12 and university teachers, social workers, health care providers, business entrepreneurs, leaders of local Asian community organizations, and many UMB professional staff. 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 US.

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.

AsAmSt 2025 Graduation Booklet – QR here:

In 2024-2025, eight students graduated with our six-course AsAmSt program-of-study. See: <https://www.umb.edu/media/umassboston/editor-uploads/asian-american-studies-program/asamst-grads25.pdf> for details and other AsAmSt accomplishments. Previous examples of AsAmSt graduating student and alumni profiles are available here: <https://www.umb.edu/education/global-inclusion/asamst/asamst-graduations/>



For more information and individualized advising, visit the Asian American Studies Program in Wheatley Building, second floor, Room 097 (W-2-097) or contact Dr. Peter Kiang, AsAmSt Program Director via peter.kiang@umb.edu