

Department: AASI/ HRTS/ SOCI

Course No.: 3221/3571/3221

Credits: 3

Title: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women

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Content Area: CA4 Diversity and Multiculturalism

Diversity: CA4 Non-International

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Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women. Fall, 3 credits.

Open to sophomores. Instructor: Dr. Bandana Purkayastha

Course Information: This course will focus on the social structures that affect Asian American women in the US and their efforts to challenge and change the conditions of their lives. We will look at how processes of racialization, gendering and class formation interact to affect the lives of these native and immigrant women. We will analyze laws and policies, ideological representation and mainstream reception of this minority group and their experiences with work families, activism (including human rights activism) as these unfold within at the nexus of national, local, and global social processes.

Meets Goals of Gen Ed.: This course focuses on gender, race and ethnicity with a focus on Asian American women. It meets the criteria for diversity courses.

CA4 Criteria:

(a) Emphasizes there are varieties of human experiences, especially values, thoughts, perceptions.

(b) Emphasizes the interactions of individuals and groups experiences and the larger social structures that affect them.

(c) Teaching focuses on comparisons between groups based on their gender and race positions.

(d) emphasizes an understanding of human rights by focussing on themes of activism and social change

(e) Develops an overall awareness of the dynamics of social, political and economic power, especially how structural location affects access to such power.

Role of Grad Students: The current enrollment limit is set at 40. If additional resources- including teaching assistants- were available, the enrollment can be raised to 75.

Supplementary Information: 25% of the seats are reserved for AASI students and 25% for Sociology majors.