

Spring 2026 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Oct 2025 draft)

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies -- Filipino American Studies Focus

Ms. Myra Liwanag **Class # 7358** **Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **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. In Spring 2026, Myra Liwanag —Director of Iskwelahang Pilipina—will teach with a special focus on the Filipino American experience, including an overview of Filipino American history and local Filipino American community resources.

AsAmSt 200-02 Introduction to Asian American Studies AsAmSt Digital Story Archive Focus

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 7359** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **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. In Spring 2026, Dr. Tang will highlight the AsAmSt Digital Storytelling video archive collection.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 2917** **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 # 7357** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **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 226-01 Becoming South Asians

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 4355** **Mondays 4:00-6:45pm** **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 Asians

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 7356** **Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **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 228L Asian Women in the U.S.

Linh-Phuong Vũ **Class # 7362** **Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-063**

This multi-disciplinary course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including cultural roles and media stereotypes; intersectional identities and resistance to race, gender, class, and LGBTQ oppression; and family/community contexts for health, well-being, leadership, and activism. In Spring 2026, students will also participate in projects relevant to Dorchester's Vietnamese community in collaboration with Boston Little Saigon.

AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology

Dr. Karen Suyemoto **Class # 7364** **TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm** **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

Mr. Pratna Kem **Class # 2559** **Mondays 4:00 -6:45pm** **W-1-058**

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.

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 345 Asian American Cultures and Health Practices

Dr. Lingling Zhang

Class # 7355

Mondays 4:00-6:45pm

W-1-019

Students examine critical issues and cultural influences on health behaviors and practices for individuals, families, and health-centered organizations in local Asian communities. *** This rarely-offered course is ideal for students with Nursing or Health Sciences majors and also for students who deal with immigrant family health care challenges and disparities due to culture/language/race, etc. Dr. Zhang is also director of the Nursing PhD program in CNHS.

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas

Class # 7363

Mondays 7:00-9:45pm

Remote

This course provides an introduction to Indian cinema and to Indian culture and society through the study of the Indian film industry—the largest producer of feature films in the world. We examine films as entertainment as well as cultural narratives and commentaries on society with themes of social change, gender, and family.

AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internships I

Dr. Peter Kiang

Class # 7361

TuTh 4:00-5:15pm

W-1-058

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 include a focus on Dorchester's Vietnamese community in collaboration with the Boston Little Saigon organization.

AsAmSt 398 Applied Research in Asian American Studies II: Story Data Lab

Dr. Shirley Tang

Class # 7360

TuTh 2:00-3:15pm

W-1-058

In Spring 2026, this SDL-led course will focus on the development and application of digital storytelling and other participatory forms of storytelling as critical and creative approaches to narrative research and data production grounded in AANAPISI students' educational persistence. Also see: <https://www.instagram.com/plantjustseeds/>

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study 1-3 credits Kiang (#2000) Lâm (3663) Srinivas (#1997) Tang (#1998) Ty (#1999)

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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 2024-2025, eight students graduated with the 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.

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