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**

- 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**

- Assess empirical approaches appropriate to given constructions of knowledge.

**Facility in Academic Writing and Research**

- 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**

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

**Impact**

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