

COVER / SIGNATURE SHEET
for Undergraduate Program Proposals

TYPE OF PROPOSAL (check one): ☐ New Academic Major* ☒ New Academic Minor
☐ Revision of Existing Major** ☐ Revision of Existing Minor

*Append SUNY Form 2A *New Undergraduate Degree Program Proposal*

**Append SUNY Form 3A *Program Revision Proposal: Changes to an Existing Program*

Both forms can be found at <http://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/app/forms/>.

PROGRAM TITLE: Asian American Studies

PROPOSING DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Asian Studies

PROPOSING SCHOOL/COLLEGE (if interdisciplinary, check all that apply):


☐ Business ☐ Fine & Performing Arts ☐ Science & Engineering
☐ Education ☒ Liberal Arts & Sciences

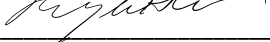
✓

RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE:

*By signing below, you confirm that **consultation with the Library Collections Developer** has taken place and that there are **sufficient faculty, financial, facility and equipment resources** to support and sustain the proposed new or revised program.*

Department Chair(s)/Program Director(s):  Date Apr. 4, 2023

 Isidoro Jansiro Date 5 April 2023

Chair(s), School/College Governing Body(ies):  Date April 20, 2023
(if applicable)

_____ Date _____

Academic Dean(s): Laura Barrett Date 4/24/23

_____ Date _____

Chair, Curriculum Committee: Jeff Miller Date 4/26/2023

FACULTY SENATE APPROVAL:

Presiding Officer of the Faculty: _____ Date _____

PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS' APPROVAL:

Vice President: _____ Date _____

PROPOSING A NEW MINOR

For Provost's Office Use

Effective Term: FALL _____

PROPOSER'S NAME (print): Akira Shimada Signature: 

SCHOOL/COLLEGE: ☐ Business ☐ Fine & Performing Arts ☐ Science & Engineering
☐ Education ☒ Liberal Arts & Sciences ☐ Interdisciplinary

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Asian Studies

TO PROPOSE A NEW MINOR: Respond below or attach a narrative that addresses the following items.

- **DESCRIBE** the proposed new minor. **EXPLAIN** why the program is needed and how students will benefit from it.

The proposed minor, called Asian American Studies, offer courses on the culture, history and current social issues of Asian American communities in the US. The minor will be a good complement to the Asian Studies Program which is an area studies program focusing on Asia. The minor will provide students with opportunities to learn about this important community in the US and will increase the students's awareness about Asian-American culture.

- How does the new minor relate to the **overall curricular goals and learning outcomes of the proposing department(s)/ program(s)?**

The minor is related to our program's SLO 4 (Illustrate skills in one or more disciplinary approaches to the study of Asia) and SLO 5 (Acquire substantive knowledge on Asia), because it will add a new approach and perspective to understand the impact of Asian culture outside Asia.

- **LIST** the minor's **Student Learning Outcomes**.

Critical thinking: demonstrate an integrated, balanced understanding of the Asian Americans communities in the humanities/arts and the social sciences;
Information literacy: conduct research on Asian Americans and exhibit a familiarity and comfort with various data sources on the community;
Illustrate skills in one or more disciplinary approaches to the study of Asian Americans.
Acquire substantive knowledge on Asian Americans.

- **RESOURCES:** Provide assurance that sufficient resources (faculty, budgetary, facility) are available to support the new minor.

More than ten faculty members in six departments agreed to teach courses for the minor. Chairs of the related departments agreed to support the courses (please see the attachments and emails).

- **Describe plans for evaluating the success of the new minor.** (SEIs alone do not constitute an assessment plan.)

We will conduct regular assessment about one of the SLOs of the minor by evaluating class assignments of ASN 300 (Asian Americans) or GEO 318 (Place, Identity & Belonging in Asian America).

- **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** You may wish to include a narrative description of the new minor to accompany the plan of study in the *Undergraduate Catalog* (<http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/programs.html>). If so, please provide one.

The interdisciplinary minor in Asian American studies provides students with the opportunity to study Asian American history, culture, and society from the perspective of different disciplines, including history, literature, sociology, cultural geography, and media studies.

- **PLAN OF STUDY:** Please **provide the proposed new minor plan**.

Please see the attachment.

- If the new minor includes any **new or revised courses**, please append them to this proposal, or submit them for review separately. All course additions or changes must be approved before the program proposal can be considered.

The existing course JPN 320 will be renamed ASN 300 as part of the new minor. One new course, GEO318 Place, Identity and Belonging in Asian America will also count for this minor once it is approved.

Course Recording:

Records & Registration – Banner (signature): _____ Date entered: _____

Records & Registration – Degree Works (signature): _____ Date entered: _____

[Attachment]

Minor in Asian American Studies - 15 credits

The minor provides students with the opportunity to study Asian American history, culture, and society from the perspective of different disciplines, including history, literature, sociology, cultural geography, and media studies.

Students minoring in Asian American Studies must receive no less than C- in any course used to satisfy the minor requirements.

Required Foundation course.....3 credits

- ASN 300 Asian Americans (Clerici) (1/year)

Or

- GEO 318 Place, Identity & Belonging in Asian America (Rock) (1/year)

Elective courses on Asian Americans.....12 credits

Four courses on the Asian American literature, culture, history, and society from at least two different disciplines. Students may take an intermediate-level Japanese or Chinese course (JPN/CHI 201 or 202) as one of the four elective courses.

List of elective courses

- JPN 201 Intermediate Japanese (Clerici) (1/year)
- JPN 202 Intermediate Japanese (Clerici) (1/year)
- CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese (Lu) (1/year)
- CHI 202 Intermediate Chinese (Lu) (1/year)
- ASN 300 Asian Americans (Clerici) (1/year)
- DMJ 310 Media and Diversity (Kim) (1/year)
- ENG 400 Asian American Literature (Fenkl and others) (1/two years)
- GEO 318 Place, Identity & Belonging in Asian America (Rock) (1/year)
- HIS 302 Immigration in US History (Bernstein) (1/year)
- HIS 382 American Nationalism (Scott-Childress) (1/two years)
- SOC 381 Immigration and Identity (Bose) (1/year)
- SOC 315 Race and Ethnicity (Roschelle) (1/two years)
- SOC 362 Race, Class, and Gender (Roschelle) (1/two years)

List of the Departments and Programs that agreed to offer courses for the minor (Please see the confirmation emails. Further references about the courses from the chairs and directors will be available on request)

- Asian Studies (Program Director: Akira Shimada)
- Digital Media and Journalism (Chair: Gregory Bray)
- English (Chair: Vicki Tromanhauser)
- Geography (Chair: Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro)
- History (Chair: Hamilton Staple)
- Language, Literature and Culture (Chair: Isidoro Janeiro)
- Sociology (Chair: Anne Roschelle)

Re: Asian American Studies Minor

Hamilton Stapell <stapellh@newpaltz.edu>

Tue 4/4/2023 7:51 PM

To: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Hi Akira,

Thanks for your message. This new minor is very important, and I fully support it.

If I can provide any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best,
Hamilton

*Hamilton M. Stapell, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Chair
Department of History
SUNY New Paltz
600 Hawk Drive
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 257-2597
www.HamiltonStapell.com*

From: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 2:09 PM

To: Hamilton Stapell <stapellh@newpaltz.edu>

Cc: Lee Bernstein <bernstel@newpaltz.edu>; Reynolds Scott-Childress <scottchr@newpaltz.edu>

Subject: Asian American Studies Minor

Hi Hamilton,

This is to seek your help. I am finalizing my proposal for Asian American Studies minor. With the proposal, I have to attach documents that prove the support to this minor from the contributing departments. I contacted Lee and Rennie. They kindly agreed to cross-list the following courses with this new minor.

HIS 302 Immigration in US History (Bernstein) (1/year)

HIS 382 American Nationalism (Scott-Childress) (1/two years)

These courses are indispensable components of this minor as they deal with the history of Asian Americans in the larger context of the US history. Could you express your support for the minor by replying to this email?

Thanks!

Akira

Akira Shimada
Professor, History Department
Program Director, Asian Studies
JFT 904, The State University of New York at New Paltz

Re: Asian American Studies minor

Vicki Tromanhauser <tromanhv@newpaltz.edu>

Tue 4/4/2023 2:32 PM

To: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Of course, Akira! I'm happy to give my hearty support to your proposal for an Asian American Studies minor, and will gladly place Insu Fenkl's new 400-level Asian American Literature course in a regular rotation among our department's offerings. We also have several other highly qualified faculty who are able to offer the course, including Timothy Liu, Usha Vishnuvajjala, and Nathan Clerici (in LLC).

Cheers,
Vicki

Vicki Tromanhauser
Associate Professor and Chair
Department of English
State University of New York, New Paltz

From: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Vicki Tromanhauser <tromanhv@newpaltz.edu>
Subject: Asian American Studies minor

Hi Vicky

Sorry to ask another help. Val and Nancy checked my proposal for Asian American Studies minor and suggested that I should attach documents that prove the support for this minor from the contributing departments. As you know, ENG 493 Asian American Literature will be an indispensable course that explores Asian American literature and culture. Could you express your support for the minor by replying to this email?

Thanks!

Akira Shimada
Professor, History Department
Program Director, Asian Studies
JFT 904, The State University of New York at New Paltz
<https://newpaltz.academia.edu/AkiraShimada>
<http://hawksites.newpaltz.edu/asianstudies/>

Re: Asian American Studies minor

Gregory Bray <brayg@newpaltz.edu>

Tue 4/4/2023 1:59 PM

To: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Hi Akira,

My pleasure.

I enthusiastically support the minor, and support this class DMJ 310 Media Diversity as part of the minor.

Warm regards,
GB

Gregory Bray, PhD
Chair, Department of Digital Media and Journalism

Faculty site:

<https://hawksites.newpaltz.edu/brayg/>

IMDB page:

[https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4603574/fullcredits?](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4603574/fullcredits?ref=nm_filmg_sort_text_view&fbclid=IwAR1y1cAA4niuXn2fHmMumVwq4lIGY84CG5KCWM6PSKvCd)

[ref=nm_filmg_sort_text_view&fbclid=IwAR1y1cAA4niuXn2fHmMumVwq4lIGY84CG5KCWM6PSKvCd](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4603574/fullcredits?ref=nm_filmg_sort_text_view&fbclid=IwAR1y1cAA4niuXn2fHmMumVwq4lIGY84CG5KCWM6PSKvCd)
[onWZFJzRUuTETuI](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4603574/fullcredits?ref=nm_filmg_sort_text_view&fbclid=IwAR1y1cAA4niuXn2fHmMumVwq4lIGY84CG5KCWM6PSKvCd)

Original film, Liner Notes:

<https://www.amazon.com/Liner-Notes-Allen-Enlow/dp/B086YTFQMD/>

Amazon Author Page:

<https://www.amazon.com/Gregory-Bray/e/B005OMV2CE>

Pronouns: he/his

From: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 1:58 PM

To: Gregory Bray <brayg@newpaltz.edu>

Subject: Asian American Studies minor

Hi Greg,

This is to seek your help. I am finalizing my proposal for Asian American Studies minor. With the proposal, I have to attach documents that prove the support to this minor from the contributing departments. As you know, Dasol's course (DMJ 310) is an indispensable component of this minor as it discusses how Asian and Asian American cultures have been represented in the US media. Could you express your support for the minor by replying to this email?

Thanks!

Re: Asian American Studies minor

Anne Roschelle <roschela@newpaltz.edu>

Fri 11/18/2022 5:44 PM

To: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>; Sunita Bose <bores@newpaltz.edu>

Great idea!

I can add some more stuff on Asian Americans- to make the classes fulfill the requirements.

I agree with Sunita- fantastic!!!

Annee

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 1:35:53 PM

To: Anne Roschelle <roschela@newpaltz.edu>; Sunita Bose <bores@newpaltz.edu>

Subject: Asian American Studies minor

Hi Anny and Sunita,

This is to seek your help. Since the last year, Asian Studies Program is developing the idea of Asian American Studies minors. I had a meeting with Laura Barrett yesterday and she likes the idea. Because we are not the department and can't control the course offering (and we have no money to hire new people), we need support from other departments to create such a minor. I and Laura agreed that one of the departments that could offer core courses for this minor is Sociology. I thus have the following questions.

- Could Annie's courses (SOC 315 Race and Ethnicity and SOC 362 Race, Class, and Gender by Annie) could be cross-listed as the Asian American Studies minor? Do courses have enough Asian American content now (about 25-30%) to be cross-listed? If no, would you be interested in adding more Asian American content to be cross-listed?
- Sunita's SOC 381 Immigration and Identity is currently counted as Asian Studies course. Could this course also be counted for Asian American Studies too?
- Could these courses be offered regularly, say every 2 years at least?
- Do you know any other courses that can be cross-listed for the minor? For instance, I found SOC 220 Social Inequalities in the United States in the course list, but not entirely sure if the instructors are interested in adding Asian American content or not.

I greatly appreciate your reply (a positive one, I hope!).

Sincerely,

Akira

Akira Shimada
Professor, History Department
Program Director Asian Studies

Re: Asian American Studies minor

Sunita Bose <bores@newpaltz.edu>

Fri 11/18/2022 1:41 PM

To: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>; Anne Roschelle <roschela@newpaltz.edu>

Hi Akira,

My course can definitely be counted as Asian American studies as well. I plan to offer it at least once a year. Sunita

Sunita Bose

Professor

JFT 1008

Department of Sociology

SUNY New Paltz

ph: 845-257-2601

Office hours: W 2-3pm; R 12:30-3:30pm

From: Akira Shimada <shimadaa@newpaltz.edu>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 1:35 PM

To: Anne Roschelle <roschela@newpaltz.edu>; Sunita Bose <bores@newpaltz.edu>

Subject: Asian American Studies minor

Hi Anny and Sunita,

This is to seek your help. Since the last year, Asian Studies Program is developing the idea of Asian American Studies minors. I had a meeting with Laura Barrett yesterday and she likes the idea. Because we are not the department and can't control the course offering (and we have no money to hire new people), we need support from other departments to create such a minor. I and Laura agreed that one of the departments that could offer core courses for this minor is Sociology. I thus have the following questions.

- Could Annie's courses (SOC 315 Race and Ethnicity and SOC 362 Race, Class, and Gender by Annie) could be cross-listed as the Asian American Studies minor? Do courses have enough Asian American content now (about 25-30%) to be cross-listed? If no, would you be interested in adding more Asian American content to be cross-listed?
- Sunita's SOC 381 Immigration and Identity is currently counted as Asian Studies course. Could this course also be counted for Asian American Studies too?
- Could these courses be offered regularly, say every 2 years at least?
- Do you know any other courses that can be cross-listed for the minor? For instance, I found SOC 220 Social Inequalities in the United States in the course list, but not entirely sure if the instructors are interested in adding Asian American content or not.

I greatly appreciate your reply (a positive one, I hope!).

Sincerely,

Akira