In this course, students will be provided a comparative and critical introduction to the diverse histories and experiences of Asian Americans in the United States and beyond. Students are expected to gain a greater, more complex understanding of how differences and similarities in terms of race/ethnicity, social-economic class, gender, sexuality, culture, geopolitics, and history intersect and have influenced the life experiences and opportunities, immigration and citizenship status, and critical standpoints of such ethnic groups as the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipinos, Asian Indians and Southeast Asians (for example, Laotian, Cambodian, Thai, Burmese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Hmong, Lu-Mien) in the United States and transnationally. We want students to think critically about key terms such as race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexuality, citizenship; to think critically where "Asian Americans" (another term to think about) fit and do not fit into broader constructions of U.S. history and why this is a relevant question to such a course. Topics addressed include colonial and transnational histories, immigration, constructions of critical racial/ethnic and cultural identities, community formations, labor and global economies, gender/sexuality, social movements, resistance and activism.

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