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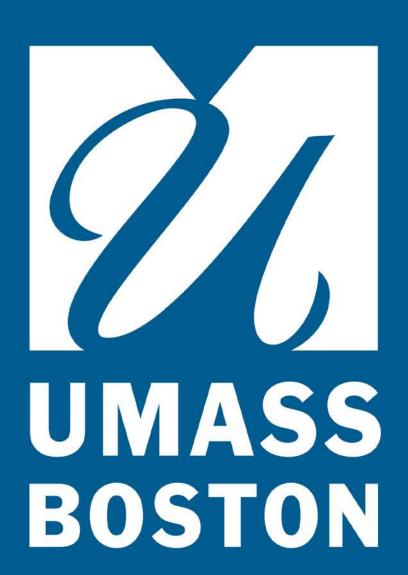
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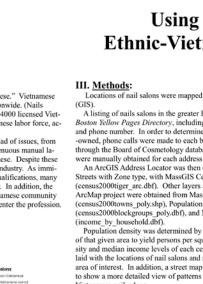
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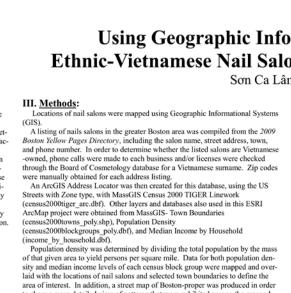
UMass Boston offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any university in New England. Through culturally-responsive instruction in the classroom and holistic practices of mentoring, communitybuilding, service-learning, and advocacy, we address the social and academic needs of students as well as the critical capacity-building needs of local Asian American communities. Our alumni include teachers, social workers, health care providers, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of local Asian American community organizations where we sustain vital, long-term partnerships.

Goals and Objectives









By grounding our curriculum, teaching, and applied research in the complex realities of local Asian American communities and by respecting the knowledge and bilingual/bicultural skills that students bring to the classroom, the AsAmSt Program creates powerful learning environments for all students to gain critical understanding about the historical experiences, voices, contemporary issues, and contributions of diverse Asian populations in the U.S.

Results/Impacts

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies

AsAmSt 221L Introduction to Asian American Writing

AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the US

AsAmSt 226 Becoming South Asians

AsAmSt 227L Multicultural Expression and Celebration

AsAmSt 228L Asian Women in the US

AsAmSt 238L Asian American Psychology

AsAmSt 250G Rise Up! Asian American Leadership & Social Change

AsAmSt 265L World War II Internment of Japanese Americans

AsAmSt 270 Cambodian American Culture & Community

AsAmSt 294 Resources for Vietnamese American Studies

AsAmSt 326 Multiracial Experiences

AsAmSt 333 Asian American Politics and Social Movements

AsAmSt 345 Asian American Cultures and Health Practices

AsAmSt 350L Asian American Literary Voices

AsAmSt 355L Asian Americans and the Law

AsAmSt 370 Asian American Media Literacy

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema

AsAmSt 397/398 Applied Research in Asian American Studies

AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internship

AsAmSt 423L Boston's Asian American Communities

AsAmSt 497/498 Teaching &Learning in Asian American Studies

Approaches and Methods

Nearly every AsAmSt course in the curriculum includes relevant community-focused content.

The program also provides resources and opportunities for internships, service-learning, organizing and advocacy, documentation, and applied research each year.

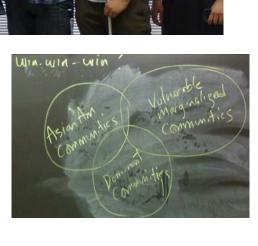




Conclusion/Next Steps



Fall down seven times; Get up eight times.



Ten years to grow trees; One hundred years to grow people

Living near the water, one knows the nature of fish; Living near mountains, one understands the sound of birds.

References and Resources

UMass Boston is funded by the U.S. Department of Education as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and is recognized by APAs for Progress as one of the ten Best Colleges for AAPI students in the U.S.

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