Asian American Literature

Credit: 3 hours.

Same as ENGL 286. See ENGL 286.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:

Humanities – Lit & Arts
Cultural Studies - US Minority

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Literature and the Arts, and US Minority Culture(s) course.

This course offers an understanding of the historical emergence of Asian American literature in the twentieth century. It examines the ways in which U. S. relations with Asia over the last century in the contexts of colonialism, semi-colonialism, immigration, and war have shaped representations of Asia and Asians in the United States. This course examines the liminal position of Asians in a national imaginary defined by binary black-white relations, the ways in which Asians have been positioned as invisible minorities, model minorities, and perpetual aliens. How has this paradoxical position as model minority and yellow peril impacted representations of gender, race, and sexuality in Asian American literature? How does Asian American literature offer new perspectives and understandings of race and Americanness in the twentieth century? While the course offers a historical context for reading literature, the focus will be on literary representation?what genres and forms have defined the emergence of Asian American writing; what narrative strategies do Asian American writers adopt in translating their stories to audiences of ?insiders? and ?outsiders;? what is the relationship between art and politics in minority writing? Some of the recurring themes that appear in Asian American writing are the contradictions of patriotism, intergenerational conflict or transgenerational haunting, the paradoxes of visibility and invisibility; the impossibility of assimilation; the recovery of lost histories; and the intersection of racial and sexual stereotypes.