

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course

(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: MCS 165 Introduction to the Asian Americans

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Introduction to the experience of Asian peoples in the United States. Examines the history of immigration, economics and cultural assimilation of Asian-American communities in the United States. Government policies toward Asian immigrants and United States citizens are examined in terms of American cultural pluralism.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Successful students will be able to:

1. Identify geographic immigration and settlement of Asian-Americans in this country.
2. Analyze the Asian-American experience and its ramifications for contemporary issues.
3. Analyze the process of assimilation, prejudice, and the positive aspects of pluralism via the Asian-American experience in the United States and particularly California.
4. Analyze the process of public policy at various levels and the actual adaptive strategies that Asian communities undertook to survive and thrive.
5. Identify current trends in American culture affecting Asian-American roles.
6. Compare and contrast pluralism/non-pluralism in the context of a complex heterogeneous culture system.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Early Trans-Pacific Trade and Migration
 - A. Northern Pacific cultural exchange
 - B. East Asian Ocean voyages
 - C. S.E. Asian contact
- II. First Asian Immigration (Pre World War II)
 - A. U.S. labor and economic patterns
 - B. Immigrant groups
 - C. U.S. settlement and communities
- III. Chinese Americans
- IV. Japanese Americans
- V. South Asia
- VI. Filipino-Americans
- VII. Other Groups
- VIII. World War II
 - A. War in the Pacific
 - B. Home Front
 - C. New Immigrants
- IX. Korean War
 - A. Korean War
 - B. Korean Immigration
- X. S.E. Asia and Recent Wave of Immigration
 - A. S. E. Asian War
 - B. Vietnamese and Malayo-Polynesian
 - C. Cambodia (Kampuchea)
- XI. Cultural Pluralism
 - A. Asian-American Community
 - B. Asian-American Education
 - C. Asian-Americans and the Pacific Rim

REQUIRED READING:

Takaki, Ronald. Strangers From A Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans. New York: Penguin Books, 1989.

Handouts from current journals and articles.

SUGGESTED READING:

Welty, Thomas. Asian Heritage: The Revolving Heritage. Sixth Edition. New York: Harper Collins, 1984.

Various United States History/Social History Texts.

REQUIRED WRITING:

1. Two essay exams; 1 ½-3 pages
2. One paper, 7-15 pages on one particular group, community, and/or individual in the context of either immigration or in an Asian-American Community regardless of the level of integration.
3. Three review papers, 2-3 pages each, on the effect of federal, state, or local policy on case/subject, newspaper/magazine/current event review.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

Prepare for exams, read assigned chapters in text, and complete writing assignments.

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

This course may be offered as a distance education course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether students have met the stated objectives):

Essay Exams (2)	50%
Paper (1)	30%
Reviews (3)	10%
Other (attendance, etc.)	10%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1.

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s) 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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