Department of Asian American Studies

University of California Santa Barbara

Asian American Studies 197 Information Sheet and Contract

AS AM 197 offers undergraduate students the opportunity to intern at a community-based organization or conduct their own service-learned/social justice project under the guidance of a faculty member, while earning course credit. The Department of Asian American Studies has developed Community Partnerships, where the student may intern. The student may also develop his/her own internship site, in consultation with the Faculty Sponsor, or develop his/her own service-learning/social justice project, in consultation with the Faculty Sponsor. Specific projects may include working with community agencies and organizations to evaluate programs, implement new or modified services, and develop community resources.

*Prerequisites*

* Students must have Junior or Senior standing
* Students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 for the preceding three quarters
* Students must have completed at least two upper-division Asian American Studies courses
* Course may be repeated for credit to a maximum of 8 units
* Students must have consent of instructor and department

*Regulations concerning AS AM 197*

* AS AM 197 does not satisfy any requirement for the Asian American Studies major or minor
* AS AM 197 may be taken for a letter grade or a Pass/No Pass basis

*Satisfying the Course Requirements*

*Student Responsibilities*

* Students are required to work a minimum of 2.5 hours per week for each unit earned
* Students are required to attend a one-hour weekly meeting with the faculty sponsor,

or a comparable meeting schedule, throughout the quarter

* Students must produce a paper on a topic related to their internship or community studies

project of at least 8 pages, with at least three references, to earn 4 units of credit.

Students may choose to produce an alternative project of comparable merit, in consultation with the Faculty Sponsor. A satisfactory paper/project demonstrates that the student has analyzed the topic and organized and integrated the information pertaining to the topic.

*Faculty Responsibilities*

* Faculty must meet with the student for one hour each week, or a comparable meeting schedule,

during the quarter to discuss the internship or community project

* Faculty must evaluate the student’s paper or project and provide written feedback to the student
* Faculty must evaluate the grade the student’s performance and paper/project.

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