

## **Asian American Studies 199RA Information Sheet and Contract**

AS AM 199RA offers undergraduate students the opportunity to earn course credit for assisting Asian American Studies faculty who are conducting research in the field of Asian American Studies.

This course is most successful when both students and faculty benefit from the arrangement. This generally occurs when two conditions are met: 1) Faculty provides students with opportunities to learn specific research skills and to gain an understanding of the research process, and to learn information about the subject of inquiry; 2) Students contribute in a meaningful way to faculty research.

### **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
- Students must have consent of instructor and department.
- Students are limited to 5 units per quarter and 30 units total in all 98/99/198/199/199RA courses. The number of units awarded is at the discretion of the instructor.
- Students are required to work a minimum of 2.5 hours/week for each unit earned.

### **Regulations concerning AS AM 199RA**

- Students must do the work in the same quarter that the 199RA class is taken for credit.
- Up to 8 units of AS AM 199RA may be applied to Area D of the Asian American Studies major or minor; however, students must visit our undergraduate advisor in HSSB 5044 to obtain the petition to do so. The petition will then be evaluated by the department chair. Only 199RA units taken for *letter grade* will be considered.

### **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 one-hour weekly meetings with the faculty sponsor throughout the quarter
- Students must produce a paper (covering the topic of research) of at least five typed pages with at least three references. A satisfactory paper demonstrates that the student has researched 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 during the quarter to discuss the research
- Faculty must read the student's research paper and provide written feedback to the student
- Faculty must evaluate and grade the student's research paper and performance

