

Peer Advising Application

Department of Asian American Studies
UCSB

About the Department of Asian American Studies

The Department of Asian American Studies at UCSB was the very first academic department dedicated to the study of Asian Americans at a major research university, and the first department in the United States to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian American Studies. The Department offers undergraduate majors the opportunity to study and understand the experiences of Asian Americans, particularly their histories, communities, and cultures. Students learn to evaluate the existing literature in Asian American Studies, to analyze a variety of data on Asian Americans, to conduct original research, and to participate in internships and social justice issues.

Job Description

- Works approximately 35 hours/quarter
- Provides initial advising to current and potential AsAm majors and minors
- Develops and implements outreach strategies for our classes, major, and minor
- Represents our department at student affairs events
- Serves as a liaison to our student affairs components, including the Asian Resource Center, EOP, Residential Life, MultiCultural, and Women's Center
- Provide a stimulating intellectual, social, cultural, and/or political environment for our AsAm students
- Works with the Staff Undergraduate Advisor with special projects
- Provides general administrative tasks

Minimum Qualifications/Eligibility Requirements

- Currently enrolled student (Junior standing or above preferred)
- Demonstrated skills in leadership, good judgment, communication, and great role model
- Organized, responsible, and self-starter
- Must commit to employment through the academic year
- Adherence to confidentiality guidelines and FERPA requirements
- Work Study preferred
- AsAm Major or Minor desired

Selection Process

Please turn in your completed application and a copy of your resume to Redilyn S. Mesa, Dept. of Asian American Studies, HSSB 5044. The selection committee will review applications and interview candidates early September. Selected candidates will be notified in mid-September.

Name: _____ Please circle one: AsAm major or AsAm minor

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please write directly on this application or attached your typed responses.

1. What are the three most important qualities of a Peer Advisor? What makes these qualities important?
2. Why are you interested in being a Peer Advisor for the Department of Asian American Studies?
3. Why did you become an AsAm major or minor?
4. Why would you want to encourage other students to take AsAm courses or to become a major or minor?

5. What concerns might potential majors or minors have? How would you address these?

6. What outreach strategies would you recommend to facilitate an awareness of and interest in our classes? To encourage students to become AsAm majors or minors?

7. Do you currently have work study? Yes or No

8. Please list at least three references including their phone numbers, e-mail address, and their relationship to you.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please submit your completed application and a copy of your resume to the Department of Asian American Studies Main Office in HSSB 5044 5th floor by August 29, 2016