

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

**ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES
PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM**

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I. Purpose, Mission and Activities of the Asian American Studies *Planning* Committee

Purpose

To establish an Asian American Studies curriculum that:

- promotes the understanding of social, historical, and cultural aspects of the Asian American community, and
- provides an Asian American perspective for the Mesa College community.

Mission

1. To develop the mission, goals, and objectives of the Asian American Studies program.
2. To establish an Asian American Studies curriculum:
 - research existing programs and degrees;
 - determine the needs of the Asian American students and the community;
 - identify existing Mesa College courses of interest-that do not require changes;
 - identify existing Mesa College courses that may require modification, and
 - develop new curriculum/courses that meet transfer, graduation, and articulation requirements.
3. To identify, articulate, and communicate the importance and relevance of an Asian American Studies program and its relationship with other ethnic/cultural specific programs at Mesa College.
 - To advise the President, Vice President, and the Dean of the Multicultural Studies on matters related to defining the Asian American Studies program, its needs and requirements.
 - To establish and maintain linkages/liasons with the Asian American community.
4. To identify funding sources to cover costs of staffing, materials, instructional supplies, promotion, clerical support, student financial aid, facilities, and scholarships.

5. To assist in the successful implementation of the Asian American Studies Program.

Activities

Formulation of committee
Convene the committee
Regular meetings
Progress reports to the Dean, Vice President, community, President, President's cabinet.
Course/program research.
Meetings with the community
Reception for the community
Recruit faculty
Schedule courses
Develop course outlines
Recruit students
Conduct classes
Evaluate activities and program

II. Purpose and Mission of Asian American Studies Program

1. To promote dialogue on issues that relate to Asian Americans.
2. To prepare students for positions of service and leadership in the Asian American communities and the community in general.
3. To prepare students for advanced academic work and research.
4. To provide students of Asian descent the means to define their identity, cultural roots, and commonalities and differences as ethnic minorities in the US, by:
 - Analyzing and discussing cultural, political, historical, social, political and economical aspects that have not been sufficiently explored in other American studies;
 - Examining the contemporary experiences of people of Asian descent;
 - Analyzing the interrelationships between Asian American communities and the American society at large.
5. To transform the curriculum at Mesa College to include instruction which reflects the historical, social, cultural, economical, political, and artistic perspectives of Asian Americans.

6. To expose students to the development of different Asian American communities and provide opportunities for service and interaction with these communities.