ASC 301-3
Asia-Canada Identities: Experiences and Perspectives
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COURSE CONTENT
This course will examine the various complexities of Asian Canadian identities and how they are influenced by numerous internal and external factors. A major focus will be to explore why bi-culturalism, especially for 1.5 and second-generation Asians in Canada, is a critical factor in the formation of their identities and how the influence of gender, race/ethnicity, class, sexuality, sexual orientation, and media representations further impact their identities. We will also consider the experiences of Asian immigrants, third and subsequent-generation Asian Canadians, as well as multiracial Asians in Canada. This course will be conducted as a seminar and will consist of small and large group discussions, videos, student presentations, and guest speakers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
In this course, students will be able to:
• Understand the historical, political, and social forces that have contributed to shaping Asian Canadian identity
• Develop an understanding of how Asian Canadian identities are influenced by the intersecting factors of culture, race/ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, sexual orientation, mass media and social media
• Differentiate between first, 1.5, second, and subsequent-generation Asian Canadian identity issues
• Understand the fluidity and shifting nature of Asian diasporic identities in Canada
• Compare Asian Canadian identities to Asian American and other Asian diasporic identities around the world

REQUIRED TEXTS

Additional required readings will be supplied or placed on reserve in the library.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Reflection papers 20%
In-class essay 25%
Group presentation 25%
Final paper or research project 30%