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AAS 125-01  
FILIPINO EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S.

CLASS MEETING: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-4:15 p.m., DMH 226A  
COURSE WEBSITE: https://sjsu.instructure.com

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces you to the contemporary experiences of Filipinas and Filipinos in the United States. It situates these experiences within broader historical, economic, and political contexts of U.S.-Philippine relations and international labor migration, social structures of inequality and exploitation, and collective organizing for social justice. It focuses on some of the most recent research on U.S. Filipino identities, experiences and cultural practices, and particularly, on the experiences of low-wage Filipino workers for the purpose of advancing their rights to better working and living conditions in an increasingly diverse nation and global society.

This semester, one emphasis is the active and collaborative participation in community empowerment.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

SLO1: Identify how colonialism and U.S. imperialism impact the politics, culture, and society for U.S. Filipinas and Filipinos

SLO2: Understand how U.S.-Philippine relations and the current system of international migration impact U.S. Filipino lives and experiences

SLO3: Analyze structural inequalities related to class, “race,” gender, sexuality, and nation are generated and how social justice movements in the U.S. and globally work to reduce and end these inequalities

SLO4: Gain insights into how collective organizing and mobilizing lead to greater social justice.
READINGS AND MATERIALS

Required Readings

