

Ethnic and Race Studies

The Ethnic and Race Studies program employs high-quality interdisciplinary scholarship to encourage critical discussion and gain deeper understanding of communities of color in the United States. Engagement with content and theory about ethnically and racially diverse communities will help students develop critical thinking skills and perspectives, expand their comfort level with civic engagement, and build cultural competence in working with diverse groups. The Ethnic and Race Studies program is academically rigorous, methodologically inclusive, interdisciplinary, and engages in critical inquiry of experiences of racial and ethnic groups in the United States.

The major is 35 credits minimum, 28 credits upper division.

Required for Major:

ERS 101	Introduction to Ethnic and Race Studies	4
ERS 401	Ethnic and Race Studies Seminar	4

Elective Credits

Electives credits must be taken at least from 3 different disciplines

ART 105	American Art	4
CRIM 430	Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Crime	4
ENGL 350	Studies in African-American Literature	4
ENGL 353	Gender and Literature: U.S. Diversity	4
ENGL 361 or SPAN 361	Contemporary Chicano Literature	4
HIST 326	Civil War: Slavery to Civil Rights	4
POLS 210	Multiculturalism, Race & Politics in U.S	4
POLS 413	Music and the Civil Rights Movement	4
RLTH 378	Asian Religions in the United States	4
SOC 200 or SOC 300	Sexuality and Society	4
SOC 204	American Indian Studies	4
SOC 210 or WOMS 210	Introduction to Gender Studies	4
SOC 318	Immigration in the Global Age	4
SOC 360	Racial and Ethnic Relations	4
TA 101	Introduction to the Theatre Arts	4

Courses

Lower Division

ERS 101. Introduction to Ethnic and Race Studies. (4).

This introductory Ethnic Studies class draws upon interdisciplinary approaches to understand and problematize the study of race and ethnicity in the United States. The class will discuss the social construction of race and ethnicity coupled with the intersectionality of identity and positionality across race, class, gender and sexuality.

Upper Division

ERS 401. Ethnic and Race Studies Seminar. (4).

Seminar discussions are designed to synthesize and assess knowledge in Ethnic Studies courses. Field work is required to apply theories and concepts to everyday experiences of people of color.