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Ethnic Studies

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Ethnic Studies operates from the understanding that race and racism continue to have profound powerful social and cultural forces in American society. It resists all forms of colonialism and resists the systemic manifestations through its very existence in academia. Students who earn an Associate in Arts Degree in Ethnic Studies will be educated politically, socially, and economically and will use this knowledge to enact social justice, encourage social responsibility, and create social change in any area of work that they enter. The degree requires a minimum of 18 units lower division work in Ethnic Studies and related disciplines combined with the California State General Education Pattern to prepare students to take upper division courses at a California State University.

Courses in the Ethnic Studies degree will center the epistemic knowledge and pedagogies of Black/African Americans, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islander, Chicax and Latinx, and Indigenous/Native American peoples of the United States. The methodological framing emphasizes structural dimensions of race and racism and associated cultural dimensions.

The major purpose of the degree is to give students core competencies in five learning outcomes:

1. Analyze and articulate racial topics, such as racism, racialization, ethnicity, equity, ethno-centrism, eurocentrism, white supremacy, self-determination, liberation, decolonialization, etc.
2. Apply theory and knowledge produced by Native Americans/Indigenous, African Americans, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders, and Chicax/Latinx communities to describe critical events, histories, cultures, intellectual traditions, contributions, lived experiences, and social struggles of those groups with a particular emphasis on agency and group affirmation.
3. Critically analyze intersections of race and racism as they relate to class, gender, sexuality, religion, spirituality, national origin, immigration status, ability, tribal citizenship, sovereignty language, age, and ability.
4. Critically review how struggle, resistance, racial and social justice, solidarity, and liberation as experienced and enacted by Native Americans/Indigenous, African Americans, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders, and Chicax/Latinx communities are relevant to current and structural issues such as communal, national, international, and transnational politics, that could include topics such as immigration, reparations, language politics, etc.
5. Describe and actively engage with anti-racist and anti-colonial issues and the practices and movements in Native Americans/Indigenous, African Americans, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders, and Chicax/Latinx communities as they work toward a just and equitable society.

The program will serve all students that want to earn a degree in Ethnic Studies and will provide classes for the GE transfer requirement to CSU campuses, Area F. As a college with 78% of the student body identifying as a student of color, with a large majority being Latinx, this program will especially reach these individuals.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Ethnic Studies, Associate of Arts [›](#)

COURSE INFORMATION

- ETHN045 - Introduction to Black Studies [›](#)
- ETHN101 - Introduction to Ethnic Studies [›](#)
- ETHN102 - Critical Thinking in Ethnic Studies [›](#)
- ETHN103 - Racial and Ethnic Justice Movements [›](#)
- ETHN110 - Introduction to Native American/Indigenous Studies [›](#)
- ETHN111 - Introduction to Chicax Studies [›](#)
- ETHN112 - Introduction to Latinx Studies [›](#)
- ETHN113 - Introduction to Asian American & Pacific Islander Studies [›](#)
- ETHN120 - Immigrant Experiences in the U.S. [›](#)
- ETHN121 - Critical Race Feminisms [›](#)
- ETHN123 - Statistical Methods for Ethnic Studies [›](#)

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Social Justice Studies

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Degree(s) and/or certificates and courses listed below.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Social Justice: Chicano/Chicana Studies Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AAT)
Social Justice: LGBTQ Studies Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AAT)
Social Justice Studies: African American Studies Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AAT)

COURSE INFORMATION

- SJS110 - Introduction to Social Justice Studies
SJS135 - Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies
SJS136 - Introduction to Gender Studies
SJS150 - Introduction to Race & Ethnicity

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