

Ethnic Studies



Minor Program College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Description

Interdisciplinary in nature, the minor in Ethnic Studies gives CSUSB students exposure to the major historical and contemporary political, economic and social events that have shaped the experiences of non-dominant groups in the United States. The program highlights key concepts, methodologies, and theories in the comparative and interdisciplinary study of major ethnic groups in this country.

Options include a minor in **General Ethnic Studies** or a specialized minor in one of the following areas: **African American, Asian American, Latino, or Native American Studies**. There is also a separate minor in **Chicano(a) Studies**. Third – and – fourth year students may complete most of the requirements in their general education and upper-division courses. Typically, students must take 2 or 3 additional courses.

Students from all majors can benefit from an Ethnic Studies minor by gaining an increased insight into issues of diversity. They also come to see how scholars from different disciplines-including anthropology, communications, education, history, literature, political science, psychology, sociology, theatre and writing – approach the study and expression of race and ethnicity.

Objectives of the Program

The objectives of the Ethnic Studies Minor are to enable students to:

- Understand the historical factors affecting social inequality in the U.S.
- Explore the intersections of race, class, and gender in U.S. society.
- Develop and apply critical thinking skills to the study of race and ethnicity.
- Enhance the oral and written expression of critical issues.
- Prepare students to be productive citizens in a diverse, democratic society.

The Benefits of a Minor in Ethnic Studies

Understanding the contributions of all groups to the formation of the United States is the cornerstone of a democratic society. This understanding makes us less likely to harbor prejudice and discriminate against others who do not look, sound, or think like us. Moreover, changing demographics and globalization of the workforce has challenged employers and educators in many ways. Employers, therefore, seek leaders who can demonstrate an understanding of cultural diversity to help bring schools, churches, businesses, social service agencies and the public they serve into the twenty-first century.

Career Opportunities

All careers benefit from the Ethnic Studies Minor. Here a just a few:

- Administrative Analyst
- Advertising Agent, Bank Officer
- Non Profit Organizations
- K-12 Teacher, Professor
- Public Relations, Museum Curator
- City Planner, Claims Adjuster
- Social Service Agencies
- Community Organization Worker
- Foreign Service Officer
- Grant/Proposal Writer
- Lawyer, Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice Career
- Human Resources, Revenue Agent
- Probation, Corrections
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Counselor, Therapist
- Policy Analyst, Journalist

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COURSE OFFERINGS

ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR CORE COURSES (Requirements (28 Units))

CORE COURSES

(8 Units--must be taken by all minors)
ES 100 (4), ES 300 (4)

TOPIC COURSES

(4 Units—must be taken by all minors)
ES 392 (2) for a total of (4), ES 394

GENERAL ETHNIC STUDIES

(16 Units from the list of courses available in
Bulletin of Courses: Ethnic Studies)

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

(16 Units from the following courses)
ES 595, ENG 339, HIST 340, HIST 341,
HUM 370, MUS 352, SOC 336, SOC 341,
SOC 441, TA 462, TA 465

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

(16 Units from the following courses)
ANTH 365, ES 595, HIST 567, PHIL 375,
SOC 425, TA 465

CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES

(16 Units from the following courses)
ART 329, COMM 409, ENG 323, ES 595,
GEOG 322, HIST 391, HUM 335, HUM 450,
SOC 342, SOC 442, SPAN 435, TA 465,
TA 468

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

(16 Units from the following courses)
ANTH 305, ANTH 306, ANTH 307,
ANTH 351, ANTH 352, ART 323, ENG 314,
ES 595, SOC 525

CHICANO(A)/Latino(A) STUDIES MINOR: CORE COURSES (Requirements (28 Units))

CORE COURSES

(8 Units--must be taken by all minors)
ES 102 (4), ES 300 (4)

TOPIC COURSES

(4 Units—must be taken by all minors)
ES 394

EIGHT UNITS CHOSEN FROM

ANTH 306, ES 595, HIST 391, HIST 566,
PSCI 352C, SOC 342, SOC 442

EIGHT UNITS CHOSEN FROM

ART 329, ART 329, ENG 323, HUM 335,
HUM 450, SPAN 435

HOW TO BECOME AN ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR

- Fill out and submit a “Minor Request Form” and pay related fees (available in UH-171)
- Follow the courses outlined in the catalog and this information sheet.
- See an advisor or the coordinator for answers to any other questions.