

## The Ethnic Studies Minor Requirements

Comprises 6 courses-

2 lower division and 4 upper division:

### Lower Division (2)

ES 001 - Intro to Ethnic Studies  
ES 050 - Creating Community

### Ethnic Studies Theory (1)

ES 101 - Critical Race Theory  
(OR other Theory course approved  
by Program Director)

### Upper Division Electives (3)

Select any three (3) courses from any of the following categories. Additional courses accepted by approval.

#### Ethnic Groups and Identity

ES 102 - Youth Cultures, Identities and New Ethnicities  
ES/ COMM 106 - Intercultural Communication  
ES/ HIST 139 - History of Women in America  
ES/ HIST 140 - African-American His: 1619 to 1865  
ES/ HIST 141 - African-American His: 1865 to Present  
ES/ SOC 107 - Whiteness  
ES/ SOC 111 - Sociology of Families  
ES/ SOC 112 - Race and Ethnicity  
ES/ SOC 123 - Ethnic Groups in the United States  
ES/ SOC 125 - Gender and Society  
ES/ POL 110 - Politics of Race  
ES/ POL 140 - Gender Politics A/B  
ES/ PSYCH 168 - Culture, Race, & Eth in Psych  
ES/ TRS 171 - Gender & Religion in American Culture

#### Arts and Literature

ES/ COMM 143 - Advanced Media Production I  
ES/ ENGL 154 - Studies in African-American Literature  
ES/ ENGL 184 - Contemporary Drama  
ES/ PERFA 113 - Jazz and Blues in America  
ES/ SPAN 150 - Chicano / Chicana Literature  
SEM 144 - Multicultural Thought

#### Socioeconomics and Inequality

ES/ ANTH 131 - Cultural Geography  
ES/ COMM 161 - Communication and Social Justice  
ES/ HIST 142 - History of California  
ES/ JCL 130 - Environmental Justice  
ES/ POL 101 - State and Urban Politics  
ES/ POL 106 - Politics of Labor  
ES/ POL 115 - Theories of Justice  
ES/ POL 125 - Human Rights  
ES/ POL 126 - Food Politics  
ES/ POL 127 - Field Work for POL 126: Food Politics  
ES/ SOC 112 - Race and Ethnicity  
ES/ SOC 115 - Wealth and Poverty  
ES/ SOC 120 - Social Movements  
ES/ SOC 122 - Education and Society  
ES/ TRS 117 - Wealth and Poverty in the Bible

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# ETHNIC STUDIES MAJOR and MINOR



The Ethnic Studies Program at Saint Mary's College of California takes a critical multidisciplinary approach to addressing issues of power, privilege, and resistance through critical thinking, applied theory, activism, and social justice praxis.

Ethnic Studies students engage dynamic comparative multiracial and multiethnic perspectives. The program employs an intersectional theoretical lens to examine race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, legal status, Indigenous nationhood, and other dimensions of identity and lived experience.



### **Ethnic Studies 001: Introduction to Ethnic Studies**

This course introduces students to the theories and concepts in the study of race and ethnicity in the United States. Specific emphasis will be placed on the ethnic group experiences of African Americans, Latinos, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.

### **Ethnic Studies 050: Creating Community**

This course is designed to introduce students to issues of social justice, while also preparing students to engage in informed and meaningful dialogue in situations where such understanding and listening are needed. Through individual and group work, students explore intergroup relations, conflict, and community building.

### **Ethnic Studies 101: Critical Race Theory**

This course engages Critical Race Theory (CRT) as an explanatory theoretical framework, method, and pedagogy for analyzing race and racism in the U.S. and that works toward identifying and challenging racism within institutional contexts.

### **Ethnic Studies 102: Youth Cultures and New Ethnicities**

This course is an introduction to the field of Critical Youth Studies that discusses the social constructions of youth culture and identity across time, space and social historical movements. The course focuses upon key concepts and theories of youth that intersect across social positions (i.e., race, gender, sexuality, class and ethnicity) in the U.S.

### **Ethnic Studies 195: Internship**

Sponsorship by an ES faculty member and approval of the Director is required.

### **Ethnic Studies 196: Senior Capstone Thesis**

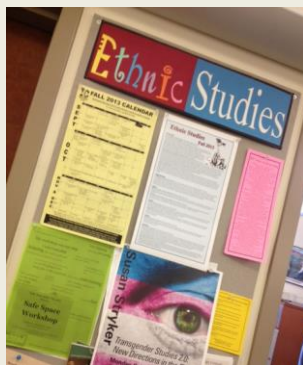
Students conduct independent study, research, and/or creative work in the area of Ethnic Studies.

### **Ethnic Studies 197: Independent Study, Special Study**

Sponsorship by an ES faculty member and approval of the Director is required.

### **Ethnic Studies 199: Honors, Special Study**

This course is only available to upper-division students with a B average or higher. Independent study or research under the supervision of an ES faculty member. Approval of the Director is required.



## **The educational goals of the Ethnic Studies Program for majors include:**

- Exploring the cultural and social histories of African American, Latino, Native American and Asian American/ Pacific Islander ethnic groups.
- Integrating Catholic social justice teaching, the Lasallian core values, and service based learning in service of these historically underrepresented groups.
- Critically examining United States racial and ethnic diversities and their interrelatedness to other international socio-historic systems.

## **Ethnic Studies Major Requirements Comprises eleven (11) courses total; two (2) lower division and nine (9) upper division:**

### **Lower Division Core (2)**

- ES 001 - Introduction to Ethnic Studies
- ES 050 - Creating Community

### **Upper Division Core (9)**

- ES 101 - Critical Race Theory
- ES 196 - Capstone Course

### **Methods Course**

Choose one from the following list (Other courses may be taken with approval of the Program Director)

- COMM 111 - Qualitative Methods
- COMM 143 - Advanced Media Production I
- ENGL 170 - Problems in Literary Theory
- HIST 104 - Historical Interpretation
- HIST 105 - Modern Approaches to History
- JCL 120 - Theory & Inquiry in Justice, Comm & Leadership
- SOC 132 - Sociological Research Methods

### **Six Upper Division Electives**

Select (2) courses from each of the following categories:

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- ES/ HIST 140 - African-American History: 1619 to 1865
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- ES/ SOC 125 - Gender and Society
- ES/ SPAN 132 - Special Topics in Hispanic Cultural Studies
- ES/ TRS 171 - Gender and Religion in American Culture

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