

ETHNIC STUDIES (ES)

ES 101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (4 Credits)

Introduction to the multidisciplinary field of Ethnic Studies. Explores the ways that ethnicity, race, and racism shape the historical and contemporary experiences of people of color in the United States. Introduces students to a broad range of cultural and political contexts, social problems, and histories to understand how racial formation and ethnic identity constructions emerged through and maintain systems of social inequality, while also providing insight into the various modes of resistance and struggles for a just society.

ES 199 Selected Topics: Ethnic Studies (1-4 Credits)

Selected topics in Ethnic Studies.

ES 201 Inventing Ethnic America (4 Credits)

An examination of past and present constructions of race and ethnicity in U.S. culture and society and their impact on individuals, institutions, policies, and practices, with particular emphasis on contemporary America.

ES 211 Introduction to Native American Studies (4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: ES 101.

Provides an introduction to the history, social organization, political experience, and artistic expression of indigenous peoples of the western hemisphere, focusing primarily on American Indians. Explores the various historical and contemporary struggles, concerns, and achievements of American Indians using an interdisciplinary approach. Prioritizes the voices of those within Indian communities in describing their own lives and experiences.

ES 212 Introduction to African American Studies (4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: ES 101.

This course examines the historical, political, social, and cultural issues that shape the experiences of African Americans both in the past and present. The course will cover many of the historical and contemporary concerns and issues facing African American communities with particular attention to the voices within these communities.

ES 213 Introduction to Chican@/Latin@ Studies (4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: WR 121Z.

This course examines historical, political, social, and cultural issues in Chicano and Latino communities and surveys scholarship in Chicano and Latino studies. This course also explores the historical construction of race, ethnicity and identity with attention to how U.S. foreign policy in Latin America has influenced perceptions within and outside of the Chican@/Latin@ communities.

ES 214 Introduction to Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies (4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: ES 101.

Explores interdisciplinary research on Americans of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Island ancestry. Surveys the diversity of histories, cultures, and experiences that contribute to the broad category of Asian American. Focuses particular attention to the multiplicity of voices and experiences of that shape the lives of Asians in the United States.

ES 298 Independent Study: Ethnic Studies (1-6 Credits)

Prerequisites: instructor approval.

Recommended preparation: prior coursework in the discipline.

Individualized, advanced study in ethnic studies to focus on outcomes not addressed in existing courses or of special interest to a student. P/ NP grading.

ES 299 Selected Topics: Ethnic Studies (1-4 Credits)

Selected topics in Ethnic Studies.