

Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies

Born out of the late-1960s student protests led by the Black Student Union and Third World Liberation Front at San Francisco State University, Ethnic Studies is overtly and proudly a political and intellectual project that envisions and enacts paths to self-determination by communities of color. Ethnic Studies at CSUSB invites students who are inspired to take on the critical study of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, disability and citizenship to examine all systems and structures of oppression. Our BA consists of distinct theoretical and methodological approaches that have shaped the field of Ethnic Studies including Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, Queer of Color Critique, Settler Colonialism and Transnational Feminisms. Students who major in Ethnic Studies will analyze the power dynamics at play in structuring white supremacy, heteropatriarchy and class oppression through the centering of historically racialized groups in the United States.

Ethnic Studies at CSUSB is comprised of educators, students and staff who are dedicated to creating supportive and nurturing academic environments for all majors and minors. By majoring in Ethnic Studies, students are prepared for a range of opportunities at CSUSB, including interdisciplinary and collaborative research, study abroad and internships on campus and in our surrounding communities. Moreover, students will be prepared to pursue a wide variety of fields after graduation, including organizing and activism, public policy, medicine, social work, secondary and college-level educational work, law and government. Majors are also well-situated for graduate studies in a number of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities.

Requirements (30 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120

Requirements for the B.A. in Ethnic Studies

Three units from: 3

ES 1000	Introduction to Ethnic Studies
ES 1400	Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality

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ES 1020	Introduction to Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies
ES 1080	Resistance and Revolution
ES 1200	Introduction to Asian American Studies

Six units from: 6

ES 3000	Research Methods in Ethnic Studies
ES 5940	Senior Seminar

Eighteen units selected from: 18

ES 2200	Women of Color Feminisms
ES 3080	Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Popular Culture
ES 3100	Black Feminist Movements
ES 3190	Queer of Color Critique
ES 3201	Race, Ethnicity and Immigration in the United States
ES 3390	Black Studies

ES 3400	Gendering Labor: Migrant Women and Work
ES 3501	Politics of Multiculturalism and Diversity
ES 3630	Race, Ethnicity, and Film in America, 1920-Present
ES 3940	Topics in Ethnic Studies
ES 4100	Health and Racism in the US, 1800-Present
ES 4101	Race and Social Movements in the United States, 1840-Present
ES 4200	US Empire and Foreign Policy 1898-Present
ES 4301	Latinx History through Film, 1920-Present
ES 4400	Transnational Feminisms and Global Raciality
ES 4480	Ethnic Studies in Southern California
ES 4600	Eating the Other: Consumer Culture and Race
ES 5100	Teaching Ethnic Studies
ES 5250	Performance Studies and Ethnic Studies
ES 5753	Internship in Ethnic Studies
ES 5953	Independent Study
Total Units	30