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

Three units selected from:
- 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:
- ES 3000 Research Methods in Ethnic Studies
- ES 5940 Senior Seminar

Eighteen units selected from:
- 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