

CERTIFICATE IN ETHNIC STUDIES EMPOWERMENT

The multidisciplinary Certificate in Ethnic Studies Empowerment examines histories of inequality and the power of community self-representation. The program requires students to think critically and nurtures a social consciousness while deepening a foundation of knowledge related to the multiple histories and cultures of communities of color within and outside the United States. Students take courses in the disciplines of Ethnic Studies: Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies and our comparative Race and Resistance Studies. The program develops critical analysis as students learn about the importance of history, science, culture, and community, providing a solid foundation to their academic studies and future community service.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Identify structural and institutional inequality in the treatment of communities of color and indigenous communities.
2. Interpret social movements in the contestation of social hierarchies based on race, gender, sexuality, class, and/or other social determinants.
3. Describe historical, cultural, economic, and comparative approaches to the study of race, class, gender, nation, and sexuality.
4. Identify and articulate the power and principles of community-based research, arts, letters, and activism, and the self-determination of communities of color.

Certificate in Ethnic Studies Empowerment – 12 units

Required Courses (12 units)

Course substitutions may be approved with the faculty director’s written approval.

Code	Title	Units
RRS/ETHS 110	Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience	3
RRS 240	All Power to the People: Comparative Freedom Movements of the "Sixties"	3
RRS 276	Race, Activism and Climate Justice	3
RRS 280	Disrupting Science Fiction: Race, Gender, and Alternative Futures	3