

CRITICAL MIXED RACE STUDIES

Program Scope

The Critical Mixed Race Studies (CMRS) minor is a multidisciplinary program that provides undergraduate students with academic approaches to the histories, experiences, and cultures of mixed heritage, mixed race, and transnational adoptee individuals, families, and communities. CMRS courses address mono-racialization within the structure of racial hierarchies; historical and contemporary constructions of mixed race within legal, scientific, and cultural spheres nationally and transnationally; the mutability of race and the porosity of racial boundaries in order to critique processes of racialization and racialized social stratification through colonialism and imperialism (e.g. mestizaje, mesti#agem, métissage, mischling, blood quantum, etc.); and the determined refusal of mono-racialization by multiple mixed heritage, mixed race, and transnational adoptee individuals, families, and communities. The CMRS curriculum takes into account the critical role of transnational globalization processes in creating shared oppressions and coalitional resistance for mixed heritage, mixed race, and transnational adoptee people.

Minor in Critical Mixed Race Studies

The minor consists of 18 units of undergraduate study. No more than two courses can be taken credit/no credit for the minor. Students must have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average in minor courses. Consistent with current University policy, courses for meeting the requirements of this minor may, as appropriate, be used simultaneously for meeting general education or credential requirements, including the requirement for complementary studies. Written declaration of the pursuit of the minor is not necessary prior to enrollment in any of its required or elective courses. Students should try to complete ETHS 110 before taking any further courses in the minor (may be taken concurrently). At least half of all courses towards the minor degree must be upper-division. Mandatory courses are one introductory course (ETHS 110); three courses from three different Ethnic Focus areas A through D. In addition, one course is to be selected from the Comparative section. Finally, one of the applied courses (teaching, field research or internship, special study) fulfills the remaining three units needed for the minor. Additional courses may count towards the minor upon consultation with the CM

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Introductory Course (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
ETHS 110	Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience	3

Ethnic Focus (9 units)

Select three with no more than one course from each area A through D.

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Asian American Studies		
AA S 301	Asian Americans of Mixed Heritages	3
AA S 330	Nikkei in the United States	3
Area B: American Indian Studies		

AIS/AFRS 350/ LTNS 355	Black Indians in the Americas	3
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Area C: Latina/o Studies		
LTNS/HIST 278	History of Latinos in the U.S.	3
LTNS 380	Afro/Latina/o Diasporas	3

Area D: Africana Studies		
AFRS 401	Pan African Black Psychology: A North American, South American, and Caribbean Comparison	3

Comparative Course (3 units)

Select one:

Code	Title	Units
AA S 522	Asian Americans and the Transracial Adoptee Experience	3
RRS 625	Mixed Race Studies: A Comparative Focus	3

Applied Course (3 units)

Select one with Critical Mixed Race Studies (CMRS) Faculty:

Code	Title	Units
ETHS 685	Projects in the Teaching of Ethnic Studies	1-4
ETHS 697	Field Research or Internship in Ethnic Studies	1-3
ETHS 699	Independent Study	1-3

- All coursework used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- Students must regularly seek advising from the CMRS Director/CMRS Minor Advisor.
- Only one third of the credits or no more than approximately two courses can be taken credit/no credit for the minor