MASTER OF ARTS IN ETHNIC STUDIES

Admission to the Program
Applicants must meet the general University requirements, along with the College of Ethnic Studies requirements:

• Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a field related to the program as determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee.
• Possess a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted.
• Must have completed a minimum of 12 semester (16 quarter) units in Ethnic Studies-related coursework or have comparable experience.

The following application materials must be submitted via Cal State Apply:

• College transcripts
• Statement of purpose outlining background experiences and possible community involvement, career objectives, research interests, a rationale for pursuing Ethnic Studies, how undergraduate degree relates to the M.A. in Ethnic Studies, and a biographical statement
• Two letters of recommendation from individuals who have direct knowledge of the applicant’s scholastic ability and commitment to the field of Ethnic Studies
• An 8-15 page writing sample (such as a research paper) that best reflects the applicant’s ability to conduct graduate school-level research
• A current vita/resume

Applications are accepted for fall semester admissions only. The application deadline is February 1st.

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Africana Studies and Latina/o Studies form the perspective of each of the respective filed of study.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the comparative, social, cultural, historical, theoretical, and interdisciplinary development of each area.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to conduct a culminating research project (thesis or field of study) as a capstone requirement.

Written English Proficiency Requirement
Level One
Level One written English proficiency must be met through satisfactorily meeting the writing requirements in ETHS 710.

Level Two
Students must indicate a method of demonstrating their further competency in English at the time of filing the Advancement to Candidacy. The latter assessment of competence is evidenced by the writing of a field study or a master's thesis.

Advancement to Candidacy
To file for the Advancement to Candidacy, students must have completed at least 18 units toward the degree, but no later than the semester prior to beginning the Culminating Experience. The ATC requires a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Before filing the ATC, students must demonstrate proficiency in written English and complete any other program pre-candidacy requirements. The proposed course of study when approved by the dean of Graduate Studies means the student has been advanced to candidacy.

Ethnic Studies (M.A.) – Minimum 30 units

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<td>Advanced Research Seminar in Ethnic Studies (or Area of Emphasis Course)</td>
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Culminating Experience (3 units)
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1 Area Emphasis: Students are required to focus on an area of emphasis in Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, or Latina/Latino Studies. In addition, the program offers students the opportunity to study Arab Muslim ethnicities and diaspora, and race and resistance studies employing comparative methodology. Courses selected to fulfill the emphasis will provide a student with the subject matter foundation to complete the culminating research project field study or thesis. Upon advisement, upper division/graduate course work in the College of Ethnic Studies and other departments on campus may be used.