

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ETHNIC STUDIES

The BA in Ethnic Studies examines both the race-related processes that underlie many social problems and the multiple forms of resistance and struggle aimed at achieving racial social justice. Our analytical approach is comparative, relational, interdisciplinary, and intersectional. Ethnic Studies classes utilize a comparative framework, comparing and contrasting the distinct experiences of different racialized communities. At the same time, recognizing that communities do not exist in isolation from one another and that race itself is a mutually constitutive process, our classes attend to the intersections, interactions, and the complexities of identity, community formation, and social struggle. Ethnic Studies employs interdisciplinary approaches that explore the a) social, economic, and political aspects of race, and the histories of communities of color, especially in relation to resistance of social injustice, b) the realm of representation and cultural imaginary as expressed in cultural production by Communities of Color, c) examination of the ways that race, gender, and sexuality are co-constitutive, and the multiple identities that have emerged at these intersections, d) communities' own narratives about colonization, sovereignty, homeland, racialization, and exoticization, e) an examination of health and environmental inequities and how they have impacted the survival of communities of color. Ethnic Studies' interdisciplinary approach provides students with a multi-faceted understanding of various forms of oppression and struggles for change both in the US and transnationally. Our analytical framework emphasizes intersectionality, considering the ways race, gender, class, sexuality, and religion work together to erase, elide, and oppress subjects.

Ethnic Studies examines how social problems are fueled by racial and ethnic discrimination by drawing from these multiple methodologies. An integral part of our academic mission is to develop our students' understanding of resistance. Our degree will produce cohorts of highly motivated critical thinkers and socially engaged students who will use their analytic frameworks to build upon existing service and organizing work among disenfranchised communities of color in the U.S. and abroad.

### Program Learning Outcomes

- Identify the history, objectives, and philosophies of Ethnic Studies, including the fields of Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Latina/Latino Studies, and Comparative Ethnic Studies.
- Describe historical, cultural, economic, and comparative approaches to the study of race, class, gender, nation, and sexuality.
- Interpret cultural production by people of color and the ways that various forms of culture (literature, dance, murals, etc.) express the agency of oppressed peoples and/or challenge social inequalities.
- Apply the concept of intersectionality to the analysis of gender-oppressed people of color, such as women of color, queers of color, and transgender people of color.
- Analyze social movements in the contestation of social hierarchies based on race, gender, sexuality, class, and/or other social determinants.
- Apply principles of community-engaged scholarship to all study of communities of color.

## Admissions Requirements

- Be a resident of California or another authorized state. See State Authorization.
- Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all units completed at SF State.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.
- Have completed all lower-division General Education requirements (39 semester units or 58.5 quarter units) with a grade of C- or better including the below four courses commonly called "Golden Four":
  - Oral Communication
  - Written Communication
  - Critical Thinking
  - Quantitative Reasoning

Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies - 42 units		
Core (9 units)		
Code	Title	Units
ETHS/RRS 100	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
ETHS 300GW	Writing in Ethnic Studies - GVAR	3
ETHS 580	Senior Capstone for Online Degree in Ethnic Studies	3

## Breadth Requirements (18 units)

### Health and Environment in Communities of Color

Select Two:

Code	Title	Units
AA S 591	Asian American Community Health Issues	3
AFRS 370	Health, Medicine, and Nutrition in the Black Community	3
AFRS 678	Urban Issues of Black Children and Youth	3
AIS 450	American Indian Science	3
AIS 520	Before the Wilderness: American Indian Ecology	3
RRS 304	Decolonize Your Diet: Food Justice and Gendered Labor in Communities of Color	3

### Arts, Literature, and Community

Select Two:

Code	Title	Units
AA S 585	Asian American Religiosities	3
AFRS 326	Black Religion	3
AFRS 645	Literature of the Harlem Renaissance	3
AFRS 665	Black Journalism	3
AIS 310	American Indian Religion and Philosophy	3
AIS 320	American Indian Music	3
LTNS 530	Latina/os and the Media	3
RRS 360	Our Stories: Literatures of Race and Resistance	3
RRS 480	Youth Culture, Race and Resistance	3
RRS 571	Women, Race, and Class	3

**History and Social Movements**

Select Two:

Code	Title	Units
AA S 380	Cambodians in the United States	3
AA S 540	South Asians in the United States	3
AA S 570	Southeast Asians in the United States	3
AFRS/AIS 350/ LTNS 355	Black Indians in the Americas	3
AIS 400	American Indian Education	3
AIS 410	Perspectives of Native California Indians	3
AIS 420	Native Genders and Feminism	3
AIS 440	Native Sexualities and Queer Discourse	3
AIS 460	Power and Politics in American Indian History	3
LTNS 460	Central Americans of the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
LTNS 465	Mexican American and Chicana/x/o History	3
LTNS 467	Caribbeans in the U.S.: History and Heritage	3
RRS 600	History of People of Color in the U.S.	3
RRS 625	Mixed Race Studies: A Comparative Focus	3

**Program Electives (15 units)**

Select 15 units from the following:

Code	Title	Units
AA S 210	History of Asians in the United States	3
AA S 211	Contemporary Asian Americans	3
AA S 353	Filipina/o American Identities	3
AFRS 101	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
AFRS 200	Introduction to Black Psychology	3
AFRS 204	Black Creative Arts	3
AFRS 208	Introduction to African American History	3
AFRS 210	Introduction to Africana Literature	3
AFRS 266	Black Online: Cyberspace, Culture, and Community	3
AFRS 515	Black Family Studies	3
AIS 150	American Indian History in the United States	3
AIS 205	American Indians and U.S. Laws	3
AIS 235	American Indians: Image and Issues in the Mass Media	3
AIS 250	American Indian Populations and Colonial Diseases	3
AIS 410	Perspectives of Native California Indians	3
RRS 110	Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience	3
RRS 240	All Power to the People: Comparative Freedom Movements of the "Sixties"	3
RRS 250	Race, Ethnicity and Power in America	3
RRS 276	Race, Activism and Climate Justice	3
RRS 280	Disrupting Science Fiction: Race, Gender, and Alternative Futures	3

**Transfer Roadmap**

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