

# BA IN ETHNIC STUDIES (GENERAL)

Units required for Major: 36  
 Total units required for BA: 120




## Program Description

Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the cultures, languages, historical, and contemporary issues relating to African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicana/os-Latina/os, and Native Americans. The program directs students to critically examine the cultural contributions made by these groups to world civilization and to American society. Ethnic Studies challenges all students to analyze existing generalizations, theories, and concepts about racial and ethnic groups in order to develop valid generalizations, concepts, and theories about the people and their experiences. Students are encouraged to actively work to eliminate problems based on discrimination.

Students are also encouraged to blend professional area studies with Ethnic Studies. For example, a student may major in Ethnic Studies and minor in Business Administration. Similarly, students with a degree in Engineering Technology may minor in Ethnic Studies and emerge well-prepared professionally to assume middle management and supervisory positions in a multicultural society. Ethnic Studies majors and minors enter careers and professions in both the public and private sectors.

**Note:** Program advising and other information can be obtained from the Ethnic Studies Department.

## Program Requirements



| Code   | Title   | Units     |
|--|---|-----------|
| <b>Required Lower Division Course (3 Units)</b>        |   |           |
| ETHN 11  | Introduction to Ethnic Studies <sup>1</sup>   | 3         |
| <b>Required Upper Division Courses (21 Units)</b>      |   |           |
| ETHN 100   | Ethnic America   <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
| ETHN 110   | The Asian American Experience   | 3         |
| ETHN 130   | Chicano/Mexican-American Experience   | 3         |
| or ETHN 131  | La Raza Studies    | 3         |
| ETHN 140   | Native American Experience  | 3         |
| ETHN 170   | Pan African Studies   | 3         |
| ETHN 194   | Research in Ethnic Studies  | 3         |
| ETHN 195A  | Ethnic Studies Fieldwork  | 1         |
| ETHN 195B  | Ethnic Studies Seminar  | 2         |
| <b>Concentration Electives (12 Units) <sup>2</sup></b> |   |           |
| Select one of the following Concentrations:            |   | 12        |
| Asian American Studies                                 |   |           |
| Chicana/o Studies                                      |   |           |
| General  |   |           |
| Native-American Studies                                |   |           |
| Pan African Studies                                    |   |           |
| Teachers in Bilingual Education                        |   |           |
| Teachers in Urban Settings                             |   |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>                                     |   | <b>36</b> |

- <sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> Four upper division Ethnic Studies and/or cross-listed courses selected with advisor approval to provide the opportunity for social, cultural and historical study; should also apply to the area of concentration; see note below.

**Notes:**

- A concentration must be declared in Asian American Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Education (Teachers in Urban Settings or Teachers in Bilingual Education), Native American Studies, Pan African Studies, or General Ethnic Studies. The concentration includes 12 units of electives.

## Concentration in General Studies (12 units)

| Code   | Title   | Units     |
|--|---|-----------|
| <b>Concentration Requirements (12 Units)</b> |   |           |
| Select four courses from the following:      |   | 12        |
| ETHN 111                                     | Southeast Asians in the US  |           |
| ETHN 112                                     | Contemporary Asian American Issues  |           |
| ETHN 113                                     | Asian American Communities  |           |
| ETHN 114                                     | Asian Americans and Globalization   |           |
| ETHN 115                                     | Biracial and Multiracial Identity in the US   |           |
| ETHN 116                                     | Asian American Politics and Public Policy   |           |
| ETHN 117                                     | Black Political Thought   |           |
| ETHN 118                                     | Asian American Women  |           |
| ETHN 121                                     | Hmong American Experiences  |           |
| ETHN 122                                     | Sikh Americans and Globalization  |           |
| ETHN 133                                     | Crosscultural Aging in America       |           |
| ETHN 136                                     | US Mexican Border Relations   |           |
| ETHN 137                                     | Race and Ethnicity in Latin America and Caribbean   |           |
| ETHN 141                                     | Politics of the African Diaspora     |           |
| ETHN 142                                     | Native American Tribal Governments  |           |
| ETHN 143                                     | American Indians, Film and Popular Culture  |           |
| ETHN 145                                     | Native Voice, Memory, and Biography  |           |
| ETHN 150                                     | Native American Oral Tradition and Storytelling   |           |
| ETHN 151                                     | Native American Women   |           |
| ETHN 152                                     | American Indians, Sovereignty and US Laws   |           |
| ETHN 155                                     | Genocide and Holocaust Studies  |           |
| ETHN 156                                     | Indigenous People   |           |
| ETHN 167                                     | Asian American Families: Issues and Perspectives  |           |
| ETHN 171                                     | African Religions and Philosophies  |           |
| ETHN 172                                     | Black Women In America  |           |
| ETHN 173                                     | The Black Family in the United States   |           |
| ETHN 177                                     | Topics In African Studies   |           |
| ETHN 179                                     | Black Music and Black Consciousness   |           |
| ETHN 181                                     | Cinematic Representations of Pan African Identities   |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>                           |   | <b>12</b> |

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

| Code                                    | Title                 | Units |
|---|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b> |                       |       |
| A1                                      | Oral Communication    | 3     |
| A2                                      | Written Communication | 3     |
| A3                                      | Critical Thinking     | 3     |

| <b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)</b>  |           |
|---|-----------|
| B1 - Physical Science   | 3         |
| B2 - Life Forms   | 3         |
| B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)   | 1         |
| B4 - Math Concepts  | 3         |
| B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. | 0         |
| <b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)</b>   |           |
| C1 - Arts   | 3         |
| C2 - Humanities   | 3         |
| C1/C2 - Area C Course   | 3         |
| C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.                            | 3         |
| <b>Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)</b>   |           |
| Area D Course   | 3         |
| Area D Course <sup>2</sup>  | 0         |
| Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>2</sup>                       | 0         |
| <b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>   |           |
| Area E Course   | 3         |
| <b>Area F: Ethnic Studies</b>   |           |
| Area F Course   |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>  | <b>37</b> |

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).  
**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

| Code  | Title | Units |
|---|-------|-------|
| <b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)</b>              |       |       |
| American Institutions: U.S. History                                     |       | 3     |
| American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government                |       | 3     |
| Writing Intensive (WI) <sup>2</sup>                                     |       | 0     |
| <b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9 Units)</b> |       |       |
| English Composition II  |       | 3     |
| Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) <sup>2</sup>                |       | 0     |
| Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>3</sup>                   |       | 6     |

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<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)