Department of Ethnic Studies

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Undergraduate Majors

• Major in Ethnic Studies
  • Women’s Studies Concentration

Minors

• Minor in Ethnic Studies

Graduate Program in Ethnic Studies

The Department of Ethnic Studies seeks to teach students to understand the unique and interlocking experiences of racially marginalized groups and to analyze how race intersects with other forces of social differentiation, such as gender, sexuality, and class, in national and international contexts. The program recognizes the importance not only of the history of racial exclusion and marginalization but also the creative ways in which various racial groups sustain their humanity through cultural preservation, transference, and renewal. Ethnic Studies is committed to nurturing students to become culturally aware, astute, civic-minded individuals who strive to strengthen the communities in which they reside. Because the study of ethnic groups intrinsically reveals how race structures life chances and opportunities, the scholarly orientation of the department reflects a commitment to meaningful changes in public policy and social life. The department offers graduate-level education to prepare students as leaders in the field of ethnic studies.

Students interested in earning a Master of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin and the Department of Ethnic Studies (http://ethnicstudies.colostate.edu).

Master Programs

• Master of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Plan A
• Master of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Plan B

Courses

Ethnic Studies (ETST)

ETST 100 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (GT-SS3) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Key concepts, theories, and historical experiences that form the basis of scholarly work in comparative ethnic studies, domestically and internationally.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks (GT-SS3).

ETST 110 Blacks in Higher Education Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Contemporary issues of Blacks in higher education.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must be enrolled in the Black Issues Forum.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 120 Native Americans in Higher Education Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Contemporary issues of Native Americans in higher education.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must be enrolled in the Native American Issues Forum.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 130 West Africa in Global and Local Perspective Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Sociopolitical and historical perspective of social and cultural issues in contemporary Ghana, West Africa, and connections to the African diaspora.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 201 Introduction to Queer Studies Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Intersectional framework for understanding historical and contemporary applications of queer theory and queer studies.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 205 Ethnicity and the Media (GT-SS3) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Ethnic representation across time as represented in auto/biography, fiction, poetry, and popular media.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks (GT-SS3).
ETST 208 Native American Art and Material Culture  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: ART 208.
Course Description: Traditional arts and material culture of the
indigenous peoples of North America.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 208 and
ART 208. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 234 Introduction to Native American Literature  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: E 234.
Course Description: Native American writings and their significance
in American culture.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 234 and
E 234.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 239 Introduction to Chicano Literature  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: E 239.
Course Description: Chicano fiction and poetry with consideration of
historical roots and influences.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 239 and
E 239.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 240 Native American Cultural Experience (GT-AH2)  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Exploration of Native lives and expressions
through examination of Native architecture, art, music, film, activism,
and literature.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Arts & Humanities 3B, Literature &
Humanities (GT-AH2).

ETST 250 African American History (GT-HI1)  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: HIST 250.
Course Description: Slavery, emancipation, labor, political,
socioeconomic, and cultural history of African Americans since colonial
times.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Historical Perspectives 3D, History (GT-HI1).

ETST 252 Asian-American History (GT-HI1)  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: HIST 252.
Course Description: Asian American historical experience in the
United States from 1850s to the present time.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 252 and
HIST 252.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Historical Perspectives 3D, History (GT-HI1).

ETST 254 La Chicana in Society  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical contributions of Chicana women and
current gender issues in Chicano communities in the US.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 255 Native American History (GT-HI1)  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: HIST 255.
Course Description: History of Native American peoples in the United
States to the present, including origin stories.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 255 and
HIST 255.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Historical Perspectives 3D, History (GT-
HI1).

ETST 256 Border Crossings: People/Politics/Culture (GT-
SS3)  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Colonial and post-colonial discourse, politics of
representation and epistemology of "location" it has produced: first
and third world.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Global & Cultural Awareness 3E, Human
Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks (GT-SS3).

ETST 261 Latina/o Populations in the U.S.  Credits:  3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical processes and sociocultural
phenomena that define Latina/o populations in the U.S.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
ETST 300  Queer Studies and Women of Color  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical/contemporary analysis of the contributions of women of color to queer studies; racialized sexual/gender identities; written and cultural works.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 310  African-American Studies  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Meaning of African American studies in context of American higher education; historical development of such studies; perceptions and misperceptions.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 311  Multiculturalism and the Media  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: JTC 316.
Course Description: Media and multiculturalism with emphasis on race, ethnicity, and other protected groups.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 311 and JTC 316.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 312  African-American Situation  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examination of historical, political, social, and economic experiences of the African-American people.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 313  Latin American Peasantry  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: ANTH 313.
Course Description: Sociocultural, economic, and political responses of Latin American peasants to poverty and global processes.
Prerequisite: ANTH 100 or ANTH 200 or ETST 100.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 313 and ANTH 313.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 314  Native American Religious History and Issues  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Native ritual, ceremony, and sacred existence; clearer understanding of Native life and religious ways.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 315  Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical and contemporary lives of women, children, and tribal communities.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 315 and SOWK 315.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 316  Black Cinema and Media  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: African American efforts to depict themselves in films and other media to counter often problematic mainstream depictions.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
ETST 360  Service and Leadership in Black Communities  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Sociocultural context of leadership in and beyond the African American community.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 364 Asian American Social Movements, 1945-Present  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: HIST 364.
Course Description: Historical relationships between Asian American and social movements for social, economic, and political equity in the U.S. since 1945.
Prerequisite: HIST 151 or HIST 252 or ETST 252.
Registration Information: Completion of 45 credits. Credit not allowed for both ETST 364 and HIST 364.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 365 Global Environmental Justice Movements  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: How the world's poor and minorities self-empower to challenge institutional racism and government apathy in order to secure basic environmental goods.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 366 Caribbean Identities  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Development of Caribbean identities from the arrival of Amerindian groups to the abolition of slavery in the nineteenth century.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 370 The Modern Caribbean  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Modern political and socio-economic developments in the Caribbean with emphasis on race, ethnicity, and gender.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 371 African Americans in Sports  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Sociocultural and historical dimensions of African Americans in sports.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC Category 2 required.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 382 Italian Ethnic Identity, Culture, and Gender  Credits: 3 (2-0-1)
Also Offered As: LGEN 382.
Course Description: Different ethnic identities in southern and northern Italy. Historical and contemporary culture and feminism. Enhancement of linguistic skills.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 404 Race Formation in the United States  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Concept of race as a social construct in the shaping of U.S. character, values, and institutions.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 405 Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Roles of and interconnections among ethnicity, class, and gender for various groups in the United States.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 410 African American Periods and Personalities  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical moments, movements, and men and women who have helped shape the African American heritage.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 411 Black Feminism(s)  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: History and trajectory of Black feminist thought from the nineteenth century to the present.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 412 Africa and African Diaspora  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Interdisciplinary investigation of retention, transformation, and creation of culture in plantation economies of Americas.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 413 Queer Creative Expressions  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Analysis of queer creative expressions within socio-political discourse and cultural works, with an emphasis on critical, queer feminist theory.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
ETST 414  Development in Indian Country  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: ANTH 414.
Course Description: Critical examination of history, public policy, and tribal strategies for economic development and natural resource management in Indian country.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 414 and ANTH 414.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 422  African-American Literature  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: E 422.
Course Description: African-American literature as a distinct tradition of writing and protest.
Prerequisites: CO 150 and E 270.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 422 and E 422.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 425  Indigenous Film and Video  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical and contemporary analysis of film featuring indigenous peoples.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 430  Latina/o Creative Expression  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Creative expression in literature, art, theatre, music: approach to understanding experiences of various Chicana/o/Latina/o groups in the U.S.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Junior or senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 432  Latina/o Routes to Empowerment  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Critical examination of political and economic strategies used to incorporate Chicana/o/Latina/o groups into U.S. society.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Junior or senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 438  Native American Literature  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: E 438.
Course Description: Literature of Native Americans emphasized as distinctive tradition in American literature and cultural expression of indigenous peoples.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 438 and E 438.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 444  Federal Indian Law and Policy  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOC 444.
Course Description: Indian policy processes and their impact on Native lives and culture, particularly Native sovereignty.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 444 and SOC 444.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 454  Chicano/a Film and Video  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Also Offered As: SPCM 454.
Course Description: Emergence of Chicano/a cinema from a place of displacement, resistance, and affirmation found in contemporary Chicano/a film, video.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Credit not allowed for both ETST 454 and SPCM 454.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 475  Indigenous Film and Video  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Historical and contemporary analysis of film featuring indigenous peoples.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 480A2  African American Urban History  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Explore the intersection of race, class and gender within urban blacks' experience in the twentieth and twenty-first century American city.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 484  Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. May be taken only once. A maximum of 10 combined credits for all 384 and 484 courses are counted towards graduation requirements.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 487  Internship  Credits: Var[1-6]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: ETST 100.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 492  Seminar  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.
ETST 493  Ethnic Studies Research Methods and Writing  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Research ethics, methodology, theory, and writing in ethnic studies.
Prerequisites: ETST 100 and ETST 101 to 481 - at least 18 credits.
Registration Information: Senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 495  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-18]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 501  Ethnic Studies History and Theory  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: History and theory of study of racial and ethnic formation, identity, and politics.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate or senior standing.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 502  Research Methods  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Interdisciplinary ethnic studies research methods.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate or senior standing.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 503  Contemporary Ethnic Studies Issues  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Contemporary ethnic studies issues in the United States and abroad.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate or senior standing.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 510  Ethnicity, Race, and Health Disparities in U.S.  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Health status of ethnic/racial populations; cultural dimensions that underlie health and health disparities.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 513  Capitalism and Global Ethnic Conflicts  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: ANTH 513.
Course Description: Causes of global ethnic conflicts with emphasis on resource competition, capitalist development schemes, and role of the state.
Prerequisite: ANTH 200 or ETST 100.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 513 and ANTH 513.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 520  Race and U.S. Social Movements  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality which structure life chances and mobilize movements for rights, recognition, and resources.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate or senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 531  Latina/o Politics in the U.S.  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Impact of Latina/o politics on the U.S. political system by examining Latina/o political mobilization patterns and behaviors.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 535  Chicana Feminism: Theory and Form  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Different forms of Chicana feminism as produced by Chicana scholars, poets, artists, and activists, from historical and contemporary accounts.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 540  Race in Latin America  Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Also Offered As: SPCM 540.
Course Description: Examination of race in Latin America and its intersection with ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Admission to Ethnic Studies graduate program.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 541  Gender, Violence and Indigenous Peoples  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Multiple forms of violence against indigenous women and children in the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 544  National Identities and Nation Building  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: POLS 544.
Course Description: How statist conceptions of race and ethnicity have been mobilized in nation-building projects.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ETST 544 and POLS 544.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
ETST 545  Immigration and Citizenship in U.S. History  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Comparative survey of immigration and citizenship debates in the U.S. since the 19th century, with a focus on the politics of racial formations.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate standing.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 550  Indigenous Law, Policy, and Peoples  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Laws and policies impacting indigenous women, children, families, and communities in North America, New Zealand, and Australia.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate or senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 684  Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-18]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ETST 699  Thesis  Credits: Var[1-18]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.