

MAJOR IN ETHNIC STUDIES

The Ethnic Studies major involves critically examining the interlocking forces of race, gender, class, sexuality, and other forms of social differentiation that shape the histories and experiences of racially marginalized groups. The programs of study interrogate how these socially constructed ideas impact distribution of social goods, affect life chances, shape identities and worldviews, and reproduce social inequalities. Drawing from interdisciplinary and comparative theoretical frameworks, we bring to bear issues of power, privilege, and social justice pertinent to the experiences of diverse populations in the U.S. and abroad. We are especially committed to nurturing civic-minded and culturally informed students who strive to strengthen the communities in which they reside. In support of the land-grant mission of CSU, students and faculty in the Ethnic Studies program engage with communities on and off campus in order to effect meaningful change in public policy and social life.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study, students will demonstrate:

- An understanding of the key concepts shaping the experiences of various racial and ethnic groups in the United States and abroad.
- Familiarity with social histories and experiences of racial and ethnic groups.
- Effective oral communication, writing, and research skills.
- An increase in critical thinking, intellectual, and personal growth.
- An understanding of the value of social consciousness and personal responsibility.

Potential Occupations

Both theoretical understandings of and practical experience in cross-cultural and inter-ethnic relations are invaluable in today's world.

Ethnic Studies graduates work in the following fields and occupations: K-12 and adult education (e.g. refugee/immigrant education, diversity training in the private sector); human social services including counseling, health care, and civil service; federal, state, tribal, and local government, and community service; natural resources development and technology transfer; practices, economics, and law in ethnic contexts; communications media such as newspaper, radio, video, and television; archival and museum studies; non-profit agencies; and advanced studies including graduate programs in the social sciences and professional programs (e.g. law, social work).

Concentrations

- Social Studies Teaching Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-major-social-studies-teaching-concentration/>)