

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 Objectives

Upon successful completion of a program of study, students will demonstrate:

1. An understanding of the key concepts shaping the experiences of various racial and ethnic groups in the United States and abroad.
2. Familiarity with social histories and experiences of racial and ethnic groups.
3. Effective oral communication, writing, and research skills.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
ETST 100	Introduction to Ethnic Studies (GT-SS3)	1C	3
Select three courses from the following:			
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies		
ETST 242	African American Creative Expression (GT-AH1)	3B	
ETST 254	La Chicana in Society		
ETST 256	Border Crossings--People/Politics/Culture (GT-SS3)	1C	
ETST 265/EDUC 265	Culture of Care in Schools		
1B (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1B	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	6

4. An increase in critical thinking, intellectual, and personal growth.
5. 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, equity, and inclusion training/consulting; human social services including counseling, health care, and civil service; federal, state, tribal, and local government, and community service; natural resources development and technology; legal services; communications media such as newspaper, radio, video, and television; archival and museum studies; non-profit agencies and community organizing; and advanced studies including graduate programs in the social sciences and professional programs (e.g. law, social work).

Concentrations

- Community Organizing and Institutional Change Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/race-gender-ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-major-community-organizing-institutional-change-concentration/>)
- Global Race, Power, & Resistance Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/race-gender-ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-major-global-race-power-resistance-concentration/>)
- Social Studies Teaching Concentration (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/race-gender-ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-major-social-studies-teaching-concentration/>)

To change your major to Ethnic Studies, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 or send an email to cla_advising@colostate.edu. More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu>.

Requirements Effective Spring 2024

Students in the Ethnic Studies major must earn a minimum grade of C (2.000) for all Ethnic Studies courses required for the major.

Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)	3A	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3C	3
Total Credits		30
Sophomore		
ETST 205 Ethnicity and the Media (GT-SS3)	1C	3
Critical Histories in Ethnic Studies (select 3 credits from the following):		3
ETST 250/HIST 250 African American History (GT-HI1)	3D	
ETST 252/HIST 252 Asian American History (GT-HI1)	3D	
ETST 253 Chicana History and Culture (GT-HI1)	3D	
ETST 255/HIST 255 Native American History (GT-HI1)	3D	
Creative Expressions and Social Change (select 3 credits from the following):		3
ETST 234/E 234 Introduction to Native American Literature		
ETST 239/E 239 Introduction to Chicano Literature		
ETST 240 Introduction to Indigenous Studies (GT-AH2)	3B	
ETST 277 Racial Representations of Black Athletes	3C	
ETST 373 Gynaehorror—Horror Films, Race, Female Body		
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)	2	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)	3A	4
Electives		14
Total Credits		30
Junior		
ETST 305 Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.		3
ETST 398 Ethnic Studies Research Methods and Writing		3
Intersectionality and Coalitional Politics (select 3 credits from the following):		3
ETST 270 Introduction to Critical Disability Studies		
ETST 300 Queer Studies and Women of Color		
ETST 342 Queer Indigenous Studies		
ETST 352/SOWK 352 Indigenous Women, Children, and Tribes		
ETST 362/WS 362 Indigenous Consciousness and Gender		
ETST 420 Disability, Race, Gender in the Environment		
Global Race, Power, & Resistance (select 3 credits from the following):		3
ETST 130 West Africa in Global and Local Perspective		
ETST 257 Antisemitism Uncovered—Rhetoric to Violence		
ETST 261 Latinx Populations in the U.S.		
ETST 322A/WS 322A Study Abroad—Ghana: Youth Development, Transnational Perspectives		
ETST 370 Caribbean Identities		
ETST 371 The Modern Caribbean		
ETST 412 Africa and African Diaspora		
ETST 441 Indigenous Knowledges		
Upper-Division Electives (see suggested list below)		18
Total Credits		30
Senior		
ETST 404 Race Formation in the United States	4A,4B	3
ETST 493 Capstone Seminar	4C	3
Upper-Division Electives (suggested from the following) ¹		24
ETST 410 Advanced Topics in African American Studies		

ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	
ETST 413	Queer Creative Expressions	
ETST 414/ANTH 414	Development in Indian Country	
ETST 425	Indigenous Film and Video	
ETST 430	Latinx Creative Expression	
ETST 432	Latinx Routes to Empowerment	
ETST 438/E 438	Native American Literature	
ETST 444/SOC 444	Federal Indian Law and Policy	
ETST 454/SPCM 454	Chicanx Film and Video	
Total Credits		30
Program Total Credits:		120

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program: Students in the Ethnic Studies major must earn a minimum grade of C (2.000) for all Ethnic Studies courses required for the major.

¹ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)	X		1A	3
ETST 100 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (GT-SS3)	X		1C	3
1B (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		X	1B	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X	3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		X	3A	3
Total Credits				15

Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Select three courses from the following (see terms offered for each course):	X			9
ETST 201 Introduction to Queer Studies				
ETST 242 African American Creative Expression (GT-AH1)			3B	
ETST 254 La Chicana in Society				
ETST 256 Border Crossings--People/Politics/Culture (GT-SS3)			1C	
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		X	3B	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)		X		3
Total Credits				15

Sophomore

Semester 3	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 205 Ethnicity and the Media (GT-SS3)	X		1C	3
Creative Expressions and Social Change (see Program Requirements tab)	X			3
Advanced Writing (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		X		3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		X		4
Electives		X		2
Total Credits				15

Semester 4	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Critical Histories in Ethnic Studies (see Program Requirements tab)	X		3D	3

Electives			X		12
Total Credits					15
Junior					
Semester 5					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 305	Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in the U.S.	X			3
	Intersectionality and Coalitional Politics (see Program Requirements tab and terms offered for each course)				3
	Upper-Division Electives (see suggested list on Program Requirements tab)		X		9
Total Credits					15
Semester 6					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 398	Ethnic Studies Research Methods and Writing	X			3
	Global Race, Power, & Resistance (see Program Requirements tab and terms offered for each course)	X			3
	Upper-Division Electives (see suggested list on Program Requirements tab)		X		9
Total Credits					15
Senior					
Semester 7					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 493	Capstone Seminar				3
	Upper-Division Electives (see suggested list on Program Requirements tab)		X		12
Total Credits					15
Semester 8					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
ETST 404	Race Formation in the United States				3
	Upper-Division Electives (see suggested list on Program Requirements tab)		X		12
	The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.	X			
Total Credits					15
Program Total Credits:					120