

Ethnic Studies Minor

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Description of the Minor. The ethnic studies minor is designed to provide students with the opportunity to study the cultural, historical, political, and social dimensions of a variety of ~~national~~ racial and ethnic groups. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and draws upon various departments for its course offerings. Students who complete this Minor will be prepared to grapple with issues of diversity and equity with greater depth and breadth of knowledge. A Minor in Ethnic Studies will equip students faithfully to engage and to lead in the pluralistic environment that is our contemporary world.

Requirements for a Minor: 24 units

Required Courses: 8 units

IS 196 Ethnic Studies Seminar (4)

SOC 189 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (4)

Electives: 16 units

AN 115 Peoples & Cultures (4)

ED 105 Perspectives on Cultural Diversity and Education (4)

ENG 130 Early American Literature: Memory, Narrative, and History (4)

ENG 134 Ethnicity and Race in American Literature (4)

ENG 136 Jewish American Literature (4)

HIS 175 Recent America (4)

HIS 178 California Experience (4)

RS 159 Missiology (4)

TA 140 Gender & Ethnicity on the American Stage (4)

May also include ENG 143 Topics in Writing, ENG 160 Women Writers, and ENG 165 Topics in World Literature when focusing on race & ethnicity.

RS 143 North American Religions (4)

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IS 196 Ethnic Studies Seminar

This course is designed to frame the course work of the minor within an interdisciplinary rubric, one rooted in the literature, theories, and methodologies of Ethnic Studies. The main objectives include learning interdisciplinary theoretical perspectives and research methods, so as to understand the ways in which U.S. and global systems of power are rooted in racial, ethnic, and gender constructs, constructs which intersect with other variables, such as class, disability, and religion. The course will also foreground the historical and present relationship of Christianity and the Christian church to both national and global systems. Students will learn about the value and practical application of this kind of research within academia and for society.