

Ethnic Studies Minor

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Description of the Minor. The ethnic studies minor provides students with the opportunity to study the cultural, historical, political, and social dimensions of a variety of racial and ethnic groups. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and draws upon various departments for its course offerings. A minor in ethnic studies will equip students to engage and lead faithfully in the pluralistic environment that is our contemporary world. The minor also situates issues of racial and ethnic identity and equity within the context of Christian understandings of human flourishing. Thus, the minor will equip students with an interdisciplinary knowledge base and set of skills about race and ethnicity in local, national, and global contexts. Students who complete the minor will be able both to analyze racial and ethnic issues and develop concrete and creative responses to them.

Requirements for a Minor: 24 units

Required Courses: 8 units

ETN 010 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (4)

SOC 189 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (4)

Electives: 16 units

AN 115 Peoples & Cultures (4)

COM 138 International Rhetoric (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)

ETN 196 Ethnic Studies Research Seminar (4)

HIS 175 Recent America (4)

HIS 178 California Experience (4)

PSY 132 Cultural Psychology (4)

RS 159 Missiology (4)

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

May also include ENG 060 Writers in Conversation, ENG 143 Topics in Writing, ENG 160 Women Writers, and ENG 165 Topics in World Literature when focusing on race & ethnicity.

No more than 8 units of elective credit may be taken within the same department.

ETN 010: Introduction to Ethnic Studies (4)

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.

ETN 196: Ethnic Studies Research Seminar (4)

This upper-division seminar course is designed to synthesize the course work of the minor through a research capstone project. The main objective is to apply interdisciplinary theoretical perspectives and research methods to a topic of interest within Ethnic Studies. Students will examine how Christian faith and theology intersect with the topic as they apply the interdisciplinary tools of Ethnic Studies to complete a research paper.