

ETHNIC STUDIES

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Overview

Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary program of study that focuses on the experiences, contributions, and knowledge produced by historically underrepresented racially minoritized groups in the United States; with an intersectional focus on Native Americans, Black/African Americans, Asian Americans and the Chicana & Latinx communities. The Ethnic Studies department houses the Chicana/o Studies Associated of Arts Degree.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Ethnic Studies (including Black/African American Studies, Native American Studies, Asian American Studies, & Chicana/o Studies) are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Positions for which four-year graduates in Ethnic Studies are qualified include careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and other helping professions.

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Degrees/Certificates

Associate Degrees

- Chicana and Chicano Studies (p. 1)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (p. 2)

Chicana and Chicano Studies

AA Degree

The Chicana and Chicano Studies (CHS) program at Sierra College offers students an interdisciplinary approach to a growing and dynamic field of study that draws from Anthropology, Art, History, Literature, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology and Spanish. The Chicana and Chicano Studies Program prepares students for further study in Chicana and Chicano Studies or a social science or humanities course of study leading to BA, MA, and/or Ph.D. degrees. Chicana and Chicano Studies provides students with career opportunities in education, social work, law, public administration, community development, the arts, ecology, health, law enforcement, and business. Upon completion of the program, students will use critical thinking to gain a greater understanding of the diverse and complex experiences of persons who identify as American Latino, Chicana, Chicano, Chicanx, Xicana, Xicano, Chican@, Hispana, Hispanic, Hispano, Indo-Hispano, Latina, Latino, Latinx, Mexican American, South/Caribbean or Central American. In all cases, students should consult

with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

- Sierra College Associate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2023-2024/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements/>);
- California State University General Education Breadth (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2023-2024/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements/>) pattern;
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2023-2024/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc/>).

Required Courses

| Code | Title | Units |
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| ETHN 0011 | Introduction to Ethnic Studies | 3 |
| ETHN 0030 | Introduction to Chicana/o Studies | 3 |
| HIST 0023 | Chicano/Mexican American History | 3 |
| Select 3-5 units from the following: | | 3-5 |
| SPAN 0001 | Elementary Spanish - Level I | |
| SPAN 0002 | Elementary Spanish - Level II | |
| SPAN 0003 | Intermediate Spanish - Level I | |
| SPAN 0004 | Intermediate Spanish - Level II | |
| SPAN 0017 | Intermediate Conversational Spanish | |
| SPAN 0020 | Spanish for the Healthcare Professions | |
| Select 3 units from the following: | | 3 |
| ADMJ 0058 | Community and the Justice System | |
| ANTH 0002 | Cultural Anthropology | |
| ANTH 0004 | Native Peoples of North America | |
| ANTH 0007 | Native Peoples of California | |
| ARHI 0140 | History of the Arts of Africa, the Americas, and Oceania | |
| ETHN 0020 | Introduction to African American Studies | |
| ETHN 0045 | Federal Indian Law and Policy | |
| ETHN 0050 | Ethnic Images in Film | |
| ETHN 0053 | Introduction to Native American Studies | |
| HDEV 0025 | Teaching in a Diverse Society | |
| HIST 0018A | The African American Experience in American History to 1877 | |
| HIST 0018B | The African American Experience in American History since 1877 | |
| HIST 0020 | California History | |
| HIST 0025 | Native American History | |
| POLS 0007 | Politics of the Developing World | |
| POLS 0008 | American Foreign Policy | |
| RISE 0001 | First Year Seminar | |
| SOC 0003 | Race, Ethnicity and Inequality | |
| SOC 0110 | Introduction to Social Justice | |

Select 3 units from the following: 3

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| ANTH 0027 | Anthropology of Sex, Gender and Sexuality |
| ARHI 0132 | History of Women in Art |
| HIST 0027 | Women in American History |
| HUM 0009 | Introduction to Women, Gender and Religion (Also WMST 0003) |
| LGBT 0001 | Introduction to LGBT Studies/Queer Theory (Also WMST 0002) |
| POLS 0027 | Women and Politics in a Global Society |
| PSYC 0130 | Human Sexuality |
| SOC 0027 | Sociology of Gender |
| WMST 0001 | Introduction to Women's Studies |
| WMST 0004 | Feminism and Social Action (Also SOC 0010) |

Total Units 18-20**Social and Behavioral Sciences****AA or AS Degree**

(formerly Social Science)

The Social and Behavioral Sciences degree provides students with a broad perspective on human behavior. Successful completion of the curriculum in Social and Behavioral Sciences offers students a breadth of knowledge that could be focused into single discipline degrees as well as applied to an interdisciplinary degree. By drawing from a select group of disciplines, students will study about themselves and others as members of a larger society. Topics and discussions strengthen students' ability to gather and apply information, evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate, gain knowledge to apply to life and think critically. The courses emphasize a span of social and behavioral disciplines. Students should choose the emphasis appropriate to their transfer institution or areas of interest. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students must fulfill the following major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete one of the following three general education patterns:

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Required Courses**Code Title Units****Select 9 units from the following Behavioral Sciences: 9**

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| ANTH 0002 | Cultural Anthropology |
| ANTH 0004 | Native Peoples of North America |
| ANTH 0005 | Introduction to Archaeology |
| ANTH 0007 | Native Peoples of California |

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| ANTH 0009 | Magic, Witchcraft, Ritual, Myth and Religion |
| ANTH 0027 | Anthropology of Sex, Gender and Sexuality |
| COMM 0003 | Small Group Communication |
| COMM 0005 | Communication Foundations |
| COMM 0006 | Performance of Diverse Literatures |
| COMM 0007 | Intercultural Communication |
| COMM 0008 | Interpersonal Communication |
| COMM 0070 | Mass Communication: Media and Society |
| ETHN 0011 | Introduction to Ethnic Studies |
| HDEV 0001 | Human Development Through the Lifespan |
| HDEV 0004 | Child, Family, and Community |
| HDEV 0009 | Child Growth and Development |
| HDEV 0025 | Teaching in a Diverse Society |
| NUTF 0010 | Principles of Nutrition |
| PSYC 0100 | General Principles of Psychology |
| PSYC 0103 | Social Psychology |
| PSYC 0104 | Developmental Psychology |
| PSYC 0105 | Research Methods in Psychology |
| PSYC 0106 | Psychology of Adjustment |
| PSYC 0108 | Psychology of Death and Dying |
| PSYC 0110 | Psychology of Intimate Relationships and Family (also HDEV 0021) |
| PSYC 0127 | Psychology of Women |
| PSYC 0130 | Human Sexuality |
| PSYC 0150 | Alcohol, Drugs and Society |
| PSYC 0160 | Psychology and Film |
| PSYC 0180 | Cultural Psychology |
| SOC 0001 | Introduction to Sociology |
| SOC 0002 | Social Problems |
| SOC 0003 | Race, Ethnicity and Inequality |
| SOC 0004 | The Family (also HDEV 0022) |
| SOC 0005 | Sociology of Women's Health |
| SOC 0009 | Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control |
| SOC 0027 | Sociology of Gender |
| SOC 0047 | Introduction to Hip Hop and Social Justice |
| SOC 0110 | Introduction to Social Justice |

Select 9 units from the following Social Sciences: 9

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| ADMJ 0050 | Introduction to Administration of Justice |
| AGRI 0198 | Food, Society and the Environment |
| AGRI 0215 | Introduction to Agricultural Business and Economics |
| BUS 0271 | Law and Society |
| ECON 0001A | Principles of Macroeconomics |
| ECON 0001B | Principles of Microeconomics |
| ESS 0001 | Introduction to Environmental Sciences and Sustainability |

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| ETHN 0020 | Introduction to African American Studies |
| ETHN 0045 | Federal Indian Law and Policy |
| ETHN 0050 | Ethnic Images in Film |
| ETHN 0053 | Introduction to Native American Studies |
| GEOG 0002 | Cultural Geography |
| GEOG 0003 | Geography of California |
| GEOG 0005 | World Regional Geography |
| HIST 0004A | Western Civilization to 1715 |
| HIST 0004B | Western Civilization since 1715 |
| HIST 0017A | History of the United States to 1877 |
| HIST 0017B | History of the United States since 1865 |
| HIST 0018A | The African American Experience in American History to 1877 |
| HIST 0018B | The African American Experience in American History since 1877 |
| HIST 0019A | History of Traditional East Asia |
| HIST 0019B | History of Modern East Asia |
| HIST 0020 | California History |
| HIST 0021 | Contemporary United States History |
| HIST 0022 | American Military History |
| HIST 0023 | Chicano/Mexican American History |
| HIST 0024 | Russian History - 10th Century to Present |
| HIST 0025 | Native American History |
| HIST 0027 | Women in American History |
| HIST 0050 | World History to 1500 |
| HIST 0051 | World History since 1500 |
| LGBT 0001 | Introduction to LGBT Studies/Queer Theory (also WMST 2) |
| POLS 0001 | American Government |
| POLS 0002 | Comparative Government |
| POLS 0003 | International Relations |
| POLS 0004 | Russian and East European Political Systems |
| POLS 0005 | California Politics and Government |
| POLS 0007 | Politics of the Developing World |
| POLS 0008 | American Foreign Policy |
| POLS 0009 | Politics of the Middle East |
| POLS 0012 | Terrorism |
| POLS 0016 | Introduction to Political Theory |
| POLS 0027 | Women and Politics in a Global Society |
| WMST 0001 | Introduction to Women's Studies |

Total Units
18**ETHN 0011. Introduction to Ethnic Studies***Units: 3*

Formerly known as SSCI 10

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduces students to Ethnic Studies and the diverse institutional, cultural, and historical issues relating to the past and present life circumstances and intersectional identities of the four core Ethnic populations of Asian Americans, Chicano/Latinx Americans, African Americans, and Native Americans/American Indians within the United States. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0014. Introduction to Asian American Studies*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduces students to Ethnic Studies and the diverse, institutional, cultural, and historical issues and experiences relating to the past and present life circumstances and intersectional identities of Asian Americans. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0020. Introduction to African American Studies*Units: 3*

Formerly known as SSCI 20

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduces students to Ethnic Studies and the diverse institutional, cultural, and historical issues relating to the present life circumstances of African Americans in the United States. The course is interdisciplinary in nature and presents an overview of the cultural, economic, historic, social, and political issues in the life of African Americans in the United States centering African American voices. It will expose students of all ethnic backgrounds to the issues pertinent to the experience of African Americans. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0028. Independent Study*Units: 1-3*

Formerly known as SSCI 28

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

ETHN 0030. Introduction to Chicana/o Studies*Units: 3*

Formerly known as SSCI 16

Hours: 54 lecture

Introductory study of the Mexican American/Latino experience in the United States. Offers an interdisciplinary approach to the examination of art, literature, film, language, ethnomusicology, culinary culture, folklore, religion, gender and immigration. Examines race, ethnicity and culture in the Chicano/Latino community and the creation of Ethnic Studies programs in the United States. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0045. Federal Indian Law and Policy*Units: 3*

Formerly known as SSCI 45

Hours: 54 lecture

In-depth study of American Indian cultures and the impact of state and federal laws pertaining to tribal sovereignty and self-governance. Covers the effects of and resistance to colonization and cultural appropriation upon American Indian cultures and religions. Students gain a practical understanding of the legal, political and cultural challenges faced by American Indian tribal nations in our own region and across the country. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0050. Ethnic Images in Film

Units: 3

Formerly known as SSCI 50

Hours: 54 lecture

Interdisciplinary approach to study the intersections of ethnic culture, race, socio-economic class, and gender in the United States through the medium of film. Examines film content for representation and accuracy, the multiple dimensions of media stereotypes, and the authenticity of diverse ethnic experiences with particular emphasis on gender, race and class. Note: not a course in film making or film criticism. (CSU, UC)

ETHN 0053. Introduction to Native American Studies

Units: 3

Formerly known as SSCI 41

Hours: 54 lecture

Survey of the cultures of Native American/American Indians within the United States focusing on the social, religious, economic, and artistic nature of various native groups. Examination of the antiquity, distribution, and linguistic history of native cultures. Addresses the contemporary status of native cultural traditions taking into account social change and adaptation. Emphasis on geographic, cultural, historical, and botanical environment of local native cultures. An optional field trip may be included. (CSU, UC)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Read and discuss the influences of race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, gender, and sexual orientation.
- Evaluate and examine theories of race relations and the persistence of racism, classism, and sexism.
- Analyze the concepts of individual/institutional racism, cycles of oppression, matrix of domination and policies of exclusion.
- Identify, recognize and appreciate the extensive contributions of historically marginalized people in the formation of the U.S.