

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, Chicana, Xicana, Xicano, Chicana, 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/2024-2025/student-resources/general-education/associate-degree-requirements/>);
- California State University General Education Breadth (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2024-2025/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements/>) pattern;
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2024-2025/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc/>).

Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
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
ARHI 0142	History of Latinx and Chicana Art	
ETHN 0014	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
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
HIST 0026	Women in World History
POLS 0007	Politics of the Developing World
POLS 0008	American Foreign Policy
SOC 0003	Race, Ethnicity and Inequality
SOC 0110	Introduction to Social Justice
Select 3 units from the following:	
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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ETHN 0011	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
Select 9 units from the following Behavioral Sciences:		9
ANTH 0002	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 0004	Native Peoples of North America	
ANTH 0005	Introduction to Archaeology	
ANTH 0007	Native Peoples of California	
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	
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:	
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
ETHN 0014	Introduction to Asian American Studies
ETHN 0020	Introduction to African American Studies
ETHN 0030	Introduction to Chicana/o 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	Introduction to American Government and Politics

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POLS 0002	Introduction to Comparative Government
POLS 0003	Introduction to 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**21****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, Chicana/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 and Pacific Islanders. (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.