



Ethnic & Racial Studies

College of Liberal Studies

The program in Ethnic and Racial Studies is designed to provide students with exposure to the field of ethnic and racial studies. Courses offered in the program relate to African, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indians. These courses examine the experience of these minorities in the United States.

Undergraduate Program

Minor:

- Ethnic and Racial Studies

Program Features

The program is open to students in all schools and colleges within the University. The program utilizes an interdisciplinary approach, integrating various concepts to provide a comprehensive perspective on the historic treatment and the contemporary experience of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. Those students seeking a minor in ethnic and racial studies must complete a minimum of eighteen credits; twelve required from the Institute for Ethnic and Racial Studies and six elective credits from participating departments.

Sample Courses

- Introduction to Ethnic and Racial Studies.
- Ethnic and Racial Relations in the U.S.
- Ethnic and Racial Stereotypes in the Media
- The Literature of Black America
- Hmong Americans
- American Indian Contemporary Issues
- Ethnic Politics in Contemporary America
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Topics and Symposium in Ethnic and Racial Studies

Career Opportunities

The program does not prepare individuals for specific jobs, but it seeks to develop and foster knowledge and appreciation of the multiracial and multicultural reality of the American society. The program can be useful when securing employment since more and more employers seek individuals with awareness and knowledge of ethnic and racial diversity.

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