Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Ethnic Studies is the interdisciplinary and intersectional study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and beyond the United States. We offer classes that engage the art, literature, politics, history, social movements, and lived experiences of racialized populations.

The Department of Ethnic Studies offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, and Native American Studies. Along with African American Studies, we offer a Summer Minor in Race and Law.

ADVISING

Students can contact the major advisors to schedule appointments or ask questions by emailing Laura Jimenez-Olvera at lauraj@berkeley.edu or Dewey St. Germaine at deweystg@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-4pm

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

The major in Ethnic Studies provides a core curriculum designed to develop an understanding of the experiences and communities of African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicana/Latinx, and Native Americans. Along with four lower division courses, students will complete eight upper division courses and have the opportunity to select elective courses from related departments.

All students in the department are required to satisfy four units of 197 field study doing community service work with organizations and programs that engage and support underrepresented communities on campus and in the surrounding community.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with one of the Centers for Educational Justice & Community Engagement.
- Consider a minor in Race and the Law.
- Enrich your studies with a Summer Abroad course (ETH STD N180) in Barcelona or Mexico City.
- Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race & Gender and Othering & Belonging Institute.

“Ethnic Studies—the histories, perspectives, insights, and analysis we bring to a whole range of subjects—is absolutely necessary to becoming an educated and informed member of society.”

– Juana María Rodríguez, Professor

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley's annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit ethnicstudies.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

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