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.

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, Chicanx/Latinxs, 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

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**ETHNIC STUDIES**
**Bachelor of Arts**

**Design Your Journey**

**Explore your major**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in ETH STD 101A: Introduction to Ethnic Studies.

**Connect and build community**
- Get to mentoring with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.
- Connect with The Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence (CE3).

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar, L&S 1, or a student-run DeCal course.
- Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Fair in October.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies Library in Stephens Hall and explore its collections.
- Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assisit facult and graduate students in their research through URAp and SURF-SMART.
- Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Consider connecting with a student outreach program like bridges, Indigenous and Native Coalition (INC) Retention and Recruitment Center, Raicces Recruitment and Retention Center, and REACH! API Recruitment and Retention Center.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**
- Students in the Ethnic Studies Program gain skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including teaching (K-12, community college and 4-year universities), counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, culture and arts, community and union organizing, social work, and positions in federal, state, and local governments as well as those at the city and county levels.

**Jobs and Employers**
- Account Associate, Accenture
- Asst. Production Manager, Kaiser
- Business Dev. Consultant, Oracle
- Corp
- College Adviser, UC Berkeley
- Law Clerk, Booth and Koskoff Law Offices
- Project Specialist, UCSF
- Retention Specialist, SMCCD
- Teacher, Lick Wilmerding High School

**Graduate Programs**
- Counseling, Masters
- City and Regional Planning, Masters
- Data Science, Masters
- Education, Masters, PhD
- Law, JD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates and the Ethnic Studies Department**

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