

# ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

## General Minor Information

A minor is an integrated, coherent group of courses designed to give students knowledge in an area outside the major field of study. A minor is not required for a degree. For additional information on minors in general, please refer to the Academic Minors section of the current Cal Poly Catalog: <http://catalog.calpoly.edu/academicstandardsandpolicies/otherinformation/#AcademicMinors> .

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COMPLETION OF A MINOR WILL BE NOTED ON THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPTS, BUT WILL NOT BE SHOWN ON THE DIPLOMA.*

## Ethnic Studies Minor Information

An Ethnic Studies minor can enhance the degrees and careers of all Cal Poly students. It provides them with special competence in the histories and experiences of diverse communities and the critical skills with which to understand complex social issues. The minor prepares students for careers in education, government, and community organizations; for entrance to professional schools in areas such as law, social work, and health; and for graduate studies in all areas of the arts and sciences. Students majoring in subjects across the university curriculum will find Ethnic Studies useful, particularly when their interests require a deeper understanding of race, ethnicity, and diversity in the United States and beyond.

## Ethnic Studies Minor Application

Students interested in pursuing the Ethnic Studies minor should review the Ethnic Studies Minor Requirements (on reverse) and contact the Ethnic Studies office at: [ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu](mailto:ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu) .

When you contact the Ethnic Studies Office, please include your anticipated graduation quarter, any courses you have taken/are planning to take that would count towards your minor, questions about substitutions, and if you are requesting an advising appointment.

Upon acceptance to the minor, a completed Academic Minor Form will be circulated for signature via AdobeSign. You will be notified via AdobeSign when the form is completed, and are encouraged to download a copy for your records. The completed AdobeSign form will be forwarded by the department to the Registrar's Office for processing.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT IT MAY TAKE UP TO TWO MONTHS FOR PROCESSING BEFORE THE MINOR WILL APPEAR ON YOUR DEGREE PROGRESS REPORT.*

Any changes to the agreed upon program (as outlined on your Academic Minor Certification Form) will require approval from the Department Chair and a new Academic Minor Certification Form. The only exception to this is for substituting an Approved Elective for another Approved Elective, in which case your Degree Progress Report will update automatically.

## Ethnic Studies Minor Requirements

1. The minor in Ethnic Studies consists of 24-quarter units.
2. At least half of the units must be from upper division courses (300- or 400-level).
3. At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly.\*
4. No more than one-third of the courses can be Credit/No Credit (CR/NC), except for courses that have mandatory CR/NC grading.
5. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.
6. The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree.

The 24 quarter units that comprise the Ethnic Studies minor are broken into two main categories, core courses (12 quarter units) and approved elective courses to supplement the core courses (12 quarter units). The approved elective courses are chosen with advisor assistance, from a wide variety of courses from across the University. For full course descriptions, please refer to the Cal Poly Catalog: <http://www.catalog.calpoly.edu> .

<u>Core Courses (12)</u>	Units
ES 112 Race, Culture, & Politics in the U.S. (D1)	4
ES 212 Global Origins of United States Cultures (D2/previously D3) or ES 241 Survey of Indigenous Studies (D2/previously D3) or ES 242 Survey of Africana Studies (D2/previously D3) or ES 243 Survey of Latino/a Studies (D2/previously D3) or ES 244 Survey of Asian American Studies (D2/previously D3)	4
ES 320 African Americans in Popular Culture (↑D/previously D5) or ES 321 Native Americans in Popular Culture (↑D/previously D5) or ES 322 Asian Americans in Popular Culture (↑D/previously D5) or ES 323 Latina/os in Popular Culture (↑D/previously D5) or ES 340 Cultural Production and Ethnicity (↑C/previously C4) or ES 380 Critical Race Theory (↑D/previously D5) or ES 381 The Social Construction of Whiteness (↑D/previously D5)	4
<u>Approved Electives (12)</u>	
At least 8 of these units must be upper division (300-400)	12
<b>Total Quarter Units</b>	<b>24</b>

\*Units transferred from another school or university may be accepted towards the minor, based upon approval of the Department Chair.

**APPROVED ELECTIVES  
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Approved Electives can be chosen from any unused ES prefix course or from the Approved Electives listed below. Courses not on the Approved Electives list may still be chosen, but are subject to department approval.

Catalog	Description
AG 350	The Global Environment
AGB 370	World Food Economy
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology
ANT 325	Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica
ANT 393	Action-oriented Ethnography
ANT 401	Culture and Health
ANT 415	Native American Cultures
ANT 460	Queer Anthropology
ARCH 320	Topics in Architectural History
ARCH 326	Native American Architecture and Place
ART 317	Asian Art Survey
ART 318	Asian Art Topics: National, Religious, and Intellectual Movements
BUS 302	International and Cross Cultural Management
BUS 402	International Business Management
BUS 403	Advanced Seminar in International Management
BUS 433	International Finance
BUS 446	International Marketing
CD 207	Children's Learning and Development in Educational Settings
CD 424	Children's Learning and Development in Diverse Families and Communities
COMS 316	Intercultural Communication
COMS 319	Critical Cultural Studies and Communication
COMS 421	Gender and Communication
CRP 211	Cities: Form, Culture and Evolution
CRP 215	Planning for and with Multiple Publics
CRP 334	Cities in a Global World
DANC 321	Cultural Influence on Dance in America
ECON 303	Economics of Poverty, Discrimination and Immigration
ECON 325	Economics of Development and Growth
ECON 330	International Trade Theory
EDES 350	The Global Environment
EDES 406	Sustainable Environments
EDUC 207	Children's Learning and Development in Educational Settings
ENGL 345	Women Writers of the Twentieth Century
ENGL 346	Ethnic American Literature
ENGL 347	African American Literature
ENGL 349	Gender in Twentieth Century Literature
ENGL 370	World Cinema
ENGL 381	Diversity in Twentieth-Century American Literature
ENGL 382	LGBT Literature and Media
ENGR 350	The Global Environment
ERSC 325	Climate and Humanity
FSN 250	Food and Nutrition: Customs and Culture
FSN 415	Nutrition Education and Communications
GEOG 150	Human Geography
GEOG 300	Geography of United States
GEOG 308	Global Geography
GEOG 325	Climate and Humanity
GEOG 340	Geography of California
GEOG 370	Geography of Latin America
GEOG 380	Geography of the Caribbean
GEOG 408	Geography of International Development
HIST 206	American Cultures
HIST 207	Freedom and Equality in American History
HIST 208	Survey of California History
HIST 216	Comparative Social Movements
HIST 223	World History, 1800 - Present
HIST 308	The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
HIST 310	East Asian Culture and Civilization
HIST 313	Modern Middle East
HIST 337	Colonial Latin America
HIST 338	Modern Latin America
HIST 341	Modern Central America
HIST 405	African-American History to 1865
HIST 406	African-American History from 1865
HIST 416	Modern Japan
HIST 417	20th Century China
HIST 418	Chinese Film and History
HIST 419	Modern Southeast Asia
HIST 421	The History of Prostitution
HIST 429	Precolonial African History
HIST 430	Modern African History
HIST 433	History of the American West, Southwest Borderlands, and California
HIST 434	American Women's History to 1870
HIST 435	American Women's History from 1870
HIST 442	Topics and Issues in Latin American History
HIST 443	Topics and Issues in Asian History
HIST 444	Topics and Issues in African History
HIST 459	Imperialism and Postcolonial Studies
HLTH 255	Personal Health: A Multicultural Approach
HNRS 112	Race, Culture and Politics in the United States
HNRS 207	Freedom and Equality in American History
HNRS 212	Global Origins of United States Cultures
HNRS 223	World History, 1800 - Present
HNRS 303	Economics of Poverty, Discrimination and Immigration
HNRS 353	Gender, Race, Culture, Science and Technology
ISLA 315	Critical Issues in Latin American Studies
ISLA 350	The Global Environment
ISLA 393	Action-oriented Ethnography
JOUR 219	Multicultural Society and the Mass Media

JOUR	401	Global Communication	SOC	311	Sociology of Gender
KINE	255	Personal Health: A Multicultural Approach	SOC	315	Global Race and Ethnic Relations
KINE	323	Sport and Gender	SOC	316	American Ethnic Minorities
MU	121	Introduction to Non-Western Musics	SOC	323	Social Stratification
MU	221	Jazz Styles	SOC	327	Social Change
MU	229	Music of the 60's: War and Peace	SPAN	233	Introduction to Hispanic Readings
MU	325	America's Music	SPAN	305	Significant Works in Spanish
MU	326	Cultural Concepts and Structures in Music	SPAN	340	Chicano/a Authors
MU	336	Jazz History and Theory	SPAN	350	Hispanic Literature in English Translation
NR	308	Fire and Society	SPAN	351	Chicano/Latino Writers in the United States
NR	360	Ethnicity and the Land	SPAN	410	Advanced Literature in Spanish
NR	406	Indigenous Peoples and International Law and Policy	TH	305	Topics in Diversity on the American Stage
PHIL	335	Social Ethics	TH	390	Global Theatre and Performance
PHIL	336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society	UNIV	333	World Food Systems
POLS	225	Introduction to International Relations	UNIV	350	The Global Environment
POLS	229	Introduction to Comparative Politics	WGS	301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies
POLS	310	The Politics of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality	WGS	311	Sociology of Gender
POLS	324	International Relations Theory	WGS	320	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
POLS	325	Global Political Issues	WGS	324	Psychology of Gender
POLS	328	Politics of Developing Areas	WGS	336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
POLS	333	World Food Systems	WGS	345	Queer Ethnic Studies
POLS	337	US and China in the Contemporary World	WGS	350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science and Technology
POLS	339	Authoritarian and Democratic Rule	WGS	351	Gender, Race, Class, Nation in Global Engineering, Technology & International Development
POLS	343	Civil Rights in America	WGS	370	Religion, Gender, and Society
POLS	380	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	WGS	421	The History of Prostitution
POLS	419	Social Movements and Political Protest	WGS	434	American Women's History to 1870
POLS	420	Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy	WGS	435	American Women's History from 1870
POLS	426	International Organizations and Law	WGS	450	Feminist Theory
POLS	427	Politics of the Global Economy	WGS	457	US Reproductive Politics
POLS	445	Voting Rights and Representation	WLC	312	Humanities in Chicano/a Culture
POLS	457	US Reproductive Politics			
POLS	459	The Politics of Poverty			
PSY	252	Social Psychology			
PSY	260	African American Psychology			
PSY	304	Intergroup Dialogues			
PSY	324	Psychology of Gender			
PSY	372	Multicultural Psychology			
PSY	465	Cross-Cultural International Psychology			
PSY	475	The Social Psychology of Prejudice			
RELS	301	Religions of Asia			
RELS	302	Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam			
RELS	306	Hinduism			
RELS	307	Buddhism			
RELS	370	Religion, Gender, and Society			
RELS	380	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict			
SCM	350	The Global Environment			
SOC	110	Comparative Societies			
SOC	218	International Political Economy			
SOC	309	The World System and Its Problems			

Please be aware that some courses on this list may have prerequisites and that these prerequisites may need to be used as free electives.