

# 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 [805-756-1707; Bldg 38-Rm 136] to schedule an appointment with the Department Chair to discuss a specific course of study and fill out the Academic Minor Certification Form.

The Department Chair is the advisor for all Ethnic Studies minors, and this meeting is your opportunity to discuss your goals and academic plan in a one on one setting. We are fortunate to have a program as diverse as the students we serve, and our Department Chair strives to individualize each minor plan to best meet student goals.

Upon acceptance to the minor, a scan of the completed Academic Minor Certification Form will be emailed to you for your records, and the original will be sent the CLA Advising 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 (D3) or ES 241 Survey of Indigenous Studies (D3) or ES 242 Survey of Africana Studies (D3) or ES 243 Survey of Latino/a Studies (D3) or ES 244 Survey of Asian American Studies (D3)	4
ES 320 African American Cultural Images (D5) or ES 321 Native American Cultural Images (D5) or ES 322 Asian American Cultural Images (D5) or ES 323 Mexican American Cultural Images (D5) or ES 340 Cultural Production and Ethnicity (C4) or ES 380 Critical Race Theory (D5) or ES 381 The Social Construction of Whiteness (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  
FOR ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR  
2015-2017 CATALOG**

Catalog	Description
AG 350	The Global Environment
AGB 370	World Food Economy
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology
ANT 325	Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica
ANT 415	Native American Cultures
ARCH 320	Topics in Architectural History
ART 317	Asian Art Survey
ART 318	Asian Art Topics: National, Religious, and Intellectual Movements
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
COMS 316	Intercultural Communication
COMS 319	Critical Cultural Studies and Communication
CRP 334	Cities in a Global World
DANC 321	Cultural Influence on Dance in America
ECON 303	Economics of Poverty, Discrimination and Immigration
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
ENGR 350	The Global Environment
ERSC 325	Climate and Humanity
GEOG 150	Human Geography
GEOG 325	Climate and Humanity
GEOG 300	Geography of United States
GEOG 308	Global Geography
GEOG 340	Geography of California
GEOG 370	Geography of Latin America
GEOG 380	Geography of the Caribbean
HIST 206	American Cultures
HIST 207	Freedom and Equality in American History
HIST 214	Political Economy of Latin America and the Middle East

Catalog	Description
HIST 223	World History, 1800 - Present
HIST 310	East Asian Culture and Civilization
HIST 314	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 429	Precolonial African History
HIST 430	Modern African History
HIST 434	American Women's History to 1870
HIST 435	American Women's History from 1870
HIST 443	Topics and Issues in Asian History
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
ISLA 350	The Global Environment
JOUR 401	Global Communication
KINE 255	Personal Health: A Multicultural Approach
MU 121	Introduction to Non-Western Musics
MU 221	Jazz Styles
MU 229	Music of the 60's: War and Peace
MU 325	America's Music
MU 336	Jazz History and Theory
NR 308	Fire and Society
NR 360	Ethnicity and the Land
NR 406	Indigenous Peoples and International Law and Policy
PHIL 320	Asian Philosophy
POLS 225	Introduction to International Relations
POLS 229	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 310	The Politics of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality
POLS 324	International Relations Theory
POLS 325	Global Political Issues
POLS 328	Politics of Developing Areas
POLS 333	World Food Systems
POLS 339	Authoritarian and Democratic Rule
POLS 343	Civil Rights in America
POLS 419	Social Movements and Political Protest
POLS 420	Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy
POLS 427	Politics of the Global Economy
PSY 304	Intergroup Dialogues
PSY 465	Cross-Cultural International Psychology
RELS 302	Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
RELS 306	Hinduism
RELS 307	Buddhism

Catalog	Description
RELS 370	Religion, Gender, and Society
SCM 350	The Global Environment
SOC 110	Comparative Societies
SOC 218	International Political Economy
SOC 309	The World System and Its Problems
SOC 315	Global Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC 316	American Ethnic Minorities
SOC 323	Social Stratification
SOC 350	Social Organization of Modern Japan
SPAN 233	Introduction to Hispanic Readings
SPAN 305	Significant Works in Spanish
SPAN 340	Chicano/a Authors
SPAN 350	Hispanic Literature in English Translation
SPAN 351	Chicano/Latino Writers in the United States
SPAN 410	Advanced Literature in Spanish
TH 390	Global Theatre and Performance
UNIV 333	World Food Systems
UNIV 350	The Global Environment
WGS 301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies
WGS 320	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
WGS 345	Queer Ethnic Studies
WGS 370	Religion, Gender, and Society
WGS 434	American Women's History to 1870
WGS 435	American Women's History from 1870
WGS 450	Feminist Theory
WLC 312	Humanities in Chicano/a Culture

**Additional Courses Often Substituted for Approved Electives (DEPARTMENT APPROVAL REQUIRED)**

Catalog	Description
ANT 393	Action-oriented Ethnography
ANT 401	Culture and Health
ANT 460	Queer Anthropology
ARCH 326	Native American Architecture and Place
BUS 302	International and Cross Cultural Management
CD 424	Children's Learning and Development in Diverse Families and Communities
COMS 421	Gender and Communication
CRP 211	Cities: Form, Culture and Evolution
CRP 215	Planning for and with Multiple Publics
ECON 325	Economics of Development and Growth
EDUC 405	Social, Historical and Cultural Influences on Latino/a Students in Education

Catalog	Description
EDUC 417	Literacy, Language, and Culture in the Content Area Classroom Fieldwork
EDUC 428	Foundations of K-8 Literacy Teaching and Learning in Schools with Diverse Populations
ENGL 370	World Cinema
ENGL 381	Diversity in Twentieth-Century American Literature
ENGL 382	LGBT Literature and Media
FSN 250	Food and Nutrition: Customs and Culture
GEOG 408	Geography of International Development
HIST 208	Survey of California History
HIST 216	Comparative Social Movements
HIST 304	Historiography
HIST 308	The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
HIST 309	Cultures of West Africa and African Diaspora
HIST 313	Modern Middle East
HIST 419	Modern Southeast Asia
HIST 421	The History of Prostitution
HIST 433	History of the American West, Southwest Borderlands, and California
HIST 442	Topics and Issues in Latin American History
HIST 444	Topics and Issues in African History
HIST 459	Imperialism and Postcolonial Studies
HNRS 112	Race, Culture and Politics in the United States
ISLA 315	Critical Issues in Latin American Studies
JOUR 219	Multicultural Society and the Mass Media
KINE 323	Sport and Gender
MU 326	Cultural Concepts and Structures in Music
PHIL 335	Social Ethics
PHIL 336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
POLS 337	US and China in the Contemporary World
POLS 426	International Organizations and Law
POLS 445	Voting Rights and Representation
POLS 457	US Reproductive Politics
POLS 459	The Politics of Poverty
PSY 252	Social Psychology
PSY 260	African American Psychology
PSY 324	Psychology of Gender
PSY 372	Multicultural Psychology
PSY 475	The Social Psychology of Prejudice
RELS 301	Religions of Asia
RELS 380	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
RPTA 257	Leadership and Diverse Groups
SOC 311	Sociology of Gender
SOC 327	Social Change
TH 305	Topics in Diversity on the American Stage
WGS 311	Sociology of Gender
WGS 350	Gender, Race, Culture, Science and Technology
WGS 351	Gender, Race, Class, Nation in Global Engineering, Technology & International Development