

**2011-13 Cal Poly Catalog**  
**Ethnic Studies Department**

**ETHNIC STUDIES MINOR**

An Ethnic Studies minor provides students with special competence in the histories and experiences of diverse communities and the critical skills with which to understand complex social issues. Students majoring in subjects across the university curriculum find Ethnic Studies useful, particularly when their interests require a deeper understanding of race, ethnicity, and diversity in the United States and beyond. 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.

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**Core courses (12)**

ES 112 Race, Culture and Politics in the U.S. (D1) (USCP) .....	4
ES 212 Global Origins of U.S. Cultures (D3) (USCP) .....	4
ES 320 African American Cultural Images (D5) (USCP) <i>or</i> ES 321 Native American Cultural Images (D5) (USCP) <i>or</i> ES 322 Asian American Cultural Images (D5) (USCP) <i>or</i> ES 323 Mexican American Cultural Images (D5) (USCP).....	4

**Approved electives** ..... 12

Electives reinforce and enhance student understanding of issues of culture, race, and gender. A minimum of 8 units must be 300–400 level. (See list of approved electives, below, for Comparative Ethnic Studies majors)

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