ETHNIC STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The department offers an undergraduate major and minor in ethnic studies.

The department offers courses in five areas of concentration: Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicano and Chicana Studies, and Comparative Ethnic Studies. In addition, they can take classes in the area of Critical Sports Studies (http://www.colorado.edu/ethnicstudies/undergrad/css.html).

Concurrent Degree Program
BA/MA in Ethnic Studies and Education

The School of Education and Department of Ethnic Studies have partnered to support the 4+1 degree program that reflects each unit’s commitment to educational opportunity, diversity, and engaged scholarship examining how race and the interrelated categories of ethnicity, disabilities, language, gender, class, and sexuality impact the lives of people locally and globally.

The new 4+1 Ethnic Studies and Education Concurrent Degree Program offers you an efficient and rigorous path toward earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Ethnic Studies and a Master’s Degree in Education in five years.

The program invites highly focused ethnic studies students who are interested in applying their critical thinking skills and dedication to social justice to transformative careers in education.

This new program offers two distinct Bachelor and Master’s degree pathways:
- BA in Ethnic Studies and an MA in Curriculum & Instruction + teacher licensure for those students in Ethnic Studies who are interested in becoming licensed teachers at either the Secondary English, Social Studies, or Elementary levels.
- BA in Ethnic Studies and an MA in Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice for those interested in policy and curricular issues and developing an interdisciplinary lens in graduate level research.

Admissions

You may apply at the beginning of your junior year or at anytime thereafter prior to completion of your undergraduate studies. Applications are submitted to and reviewed by the School of Education.

Applicants must:
- Have declared Ethnic Studies as a major
- Have completed all MAPS requirements
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Applications

- Three letters of reference. Two letters must come from professors with whom you have taken Ethnic Studies or Education courses. The third letter may be from a professor, instructor, or supervisor in a community or educational setting
- Personal Statement
- 25 Hours of Youth Experience (for the MA in Curriculum & Instruction + teacher licensure only)

Continuation in the Program

Once admitted, students must:
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Complete 6 credits of graduate-level coursework by the second semester of senior year.

The BA/MA has a required 5-year time limit. You must complete all requirements for the BA by the end of your 8th semester and complete all requirements for the MA by the end of your final 5th year.

Contact Us

Completing the 4+1 program requires careful planning. Consult your advisor early to help chart your degree plan.

Contact education advisors at edadvise@colorado.edu or 303-492-6555
Contact ethnic studies advisors at ethnicst@colorado.edu or 303-492-8852

Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences, students must complete 33 credit hours of ethnic studies requirements: 12 credit hours of required ethnic studies core classes and an additional 21 credit hours in ethnic studies, 15 credit hours of which must be upper division for a total of 24 upper-division credit hours in the major (required courses mentioned below are included). The 21 credit hours in ethnic studies can be selected from the current ethnic studies course offerings; they may include courses that are cross-listed with the Department of Ethnic Studies, as listed in this catalog.

A grade of C- or better must be received in all courses used to satisfy the major requirements, with an overall average of 2.00 in the major. No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in independent study. No pass/fail graded courses may satisfy the 33-credit-hour minimum requirement.

Required Courses and Credit Hours

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Elective Courses

A minimum of 21 credit hours in ETHN electives, 15 credit hours of which must be upper division courses in the major. The 21 credit hours in electives can be selected from the current ETHN course offerings; they may also include coursework from outside the department, as approved by the department’s curriculum committee and advisor.

Total Credit Hours 33

Graduating in Four Years

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of “adequate progress” as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in ethnic studies, students should meet the following requirements:

• Declare ethnic studies as their major.
• Complete at least 12 credit hours toward the ethnic studies major requirements by the fourth semester.
• Complete at least 21 credit hours toward the ethnic studies major requirements by the end of the sixth semester.
• Complete ETHN 2001 no later than the fourth semester.
• Complete ETHN 3501 not later than the seventh semester.
• Complete at least one ethnic studies selected topics course selected from the following: ETHN 3101, ETHN 3102, ETHN 3103, ETHN 3105 or ETHN 3106 no later than the eighth semester.
• Complete ETHN 4951 no later than the eighth semester.