ETHNIC STUDIES

The field of ethnic studies was born of, and is dedicated to, the struggles for social justice for all people. The Department of Ethnic Studies at CU Boulder draws on this tradition of engaged scholarship to examine how race and the interrelated categories of ethnicity, gender, class and sexuality impact the lives of people in the United States and around the globe.

Our interdisciplinary department offers an undergraduate major and minor in ethnic studies. Faculty members engage in a wide variety of research on the cultures, histories, epistemologies, and experiences in African American, Asian American, Chicana and Chicano, and Native American/indigenous peoples in the U.S. and beyond. Their research and teaching address these topics through critical, transnational, queer, decolonial and comparative perspectives.

Course code for this program is ETHN.

Study Abroad

The Department of Ethnic Studies encourages students to participate in the study abroad programs offered through the Education Abroad office. These programs give students a deeper understanding of culture and attitudes of people of color in other parts of the world and their carryover into the United States. CU-Boulder partners with several study abroad organizations that offer summer, semester and full year programs in many locations around the world, most notably in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Programs of special interest include study abroad in Australia, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, South Africa, Spain and Taiwan.

For additional information, contact the Education Abroad office. Students should always consult with their academic advisor prior to choosing their study abroad program.

Bachelor’s Degree

- Ethnic Studies - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-bachelor-arts-ba)

Minor

- Ethnic Studies - Minor (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

Aldama, Arturo James (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_130739)
Associate Professor, Associate Chair; PhD, University of California, Berkeley

Belknap, Joanne Elizabeth (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_113617)
Professor; PhD, Michigan State University

Carroll, Clinton R. (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_154726)
Assistant Professor; PhD, University of California, Berkeley

King, William M.
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Lawson, Angelica Marie (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_154727)
Assistant Professor; PhD, University of Arizona

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Assistant Professor; PhD, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

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Assistant Professor; PhD, University of California, Berkeley

Ordaz, Jessica (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_159142)
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Associate Professor; PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Rabaka, Reiland Devaun (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_141463)
Professor; PhD, Temple University

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Associate Professor, Associate Chair; PhD, University of Washington

Villanueva, Nicholas (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_158252)
Assistant Professor; PhD, Vanderbilt University

Walker, Deward E. Jr
Professor Emeritus

Courses

ETHN 1022 (3) Introduction to Africana Studies
Overview of Africana studies as a field of investigation, its origins and history.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 1023 (3) Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies
Introduces critical terms, issues, and questions that inform the discipline of American Indian Studies. Examines "historical silences" and highlights how American Indian scholars, poets, and filmmakers use their work to address/redress historical subjects, and represent their Native communities.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies
ETHN 1025 (3) Introduction to Asian American Studies
Examines the various factors that define minority groups and their positions in American society using Asian Americans as a case study. Emphasizes the perspectives and methodologies of the discipline of ethnic studies.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Asian American Studies

ETHN 2001 (3) Foundations of Comparative Ethnic Studies: Race, Gender and Culture(s)
Introduction to the study of race, ethnicity and gender in the United States. Overview of concepts, theories and analytic frames that shape the interdisciplinary field of Ethnic Studies. Focuses on historic, institutional, legal and cultural issues that impact African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Chicanas and Chicanos, European Americans, Native Americans and Indigenous peoples in the U.S.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 2004 (3) Themes in American Culture 1
Enables students to explore various themes in pre-1865 American culture. Examines these themes, which vary each year, in their social context.

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American Studies

ETHN 2013 (3) Critical Issues in Native North America
Explores a series of issues including regulations of population, land and resource holdings, water rights, education, religious freedom, military obligations, the sociopolitical role of men and women, self-governance, and legal standing as these pertain to American Indian life.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 2014 (3) Themes in American Culture 2
Enables students to explore various themes in post-1865 American culture. Examines these themes, which vary each year, in their social context.

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 2044 (3) Crime and Society
Explores issues related to crime, the criminal justice system, and crime-related public policy. It addresses what we know about crime and how we know it, how our society responds to crime, how the institutions designed to address crime (police, courts, corrections) function, and diversity in experiences with the criminal justice system.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 2044

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 2203 (3) American Indians in Film
Examines images of American Indians in films produced by, and about, Native peoples. Follows the creation of "the Hollywood Indian" from still-photography to contemporary motion pictures. Films are analyzed within historical, social, and artistic contexts, and examined in terms of the impact their images have exerted upon American society at large and Native communities in particular.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CINE 2203

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 2215 (3) The Japanese American Experience
Surveys the Japanese American experience, emphasizing post-WWII developments. Gives attention to intragroup diversity having to do with generation, ethnicity, ecology, and gender.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Asian American Studies

ETHN 2232 (3) Contemporary African American Social Movements
Examines selected case studies of African American collective behavior in a historical context. Emphasizes an in-depth investigation of the continuing African American struggle for social/democratic rights.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 2242 (3) African American Social and Political Thought
Introductory course designed to acquaint students with historical and contemporary thinking, writings, and speeches of African Americans.

Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 2304 (3-4) Introduction to Social Justice
Provides undergraduate students with an understanding of how social systems, primarily the educational and health care systems, are key to understanding injustices and criminalization. Topics covered will include trauma and victimization, food and housing justice, educational justice, physical and mental health justice, mass incarceration, #BlackLivesMatter and restorative justice.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American Studies

ETHN 2432 (3) African American History
Surveys African American history. Studies, interprets and analyzes major problems, issues and trends affecting African Americans from about 1600 to the present.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: HIST 2437

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies
ETHN 2500 (3) Race, Ethnicity, and Language
Explores the relationship between race, ethnicity, and language and how they are co-constructed. How do speakers of different racial and ethnic groups use language differently, and what are the social implications of these different language varieties? We discuss the implications of ethnolinguistic variation on racial stereotypes, education, and the law.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LING 2500
Recommended: Prerequisite LING 1000.

ETHN 2536 (3) Survey of Chicana/o History and Culture
Through historical and social scientific studies, novels, autobiographies, testimonies, films, music, and art, this course will provide students a survey of Chicana/o history and culture. Historical overviews of Chicana/o peoples from Mesoamerica, the Spanish Conquest; the historical presence of Chicana/o peoples in the Southwest; the rise of the Chicana/o student and community movements; immigration issues; and the gender, sexuality, and criminalization issues.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 2546 (3) Chicana and Chicano Fine Arts and Humanities
Provides foundation for study of Chicano literature, music, the plastic arts, theatre and film. Also introduces aesthetic and critical concepts and their applications in Chicana and Chicano studies.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 2703 (3) American Indian Religious Traditions
Introduces religions of the peoples indigenous to the Americas. Concerns include ritual, mythology and symbolism occurring throughout these cultures in such areas as art, architecture, cosmology, shamanism, sustenance modes, trade and history.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: RLST 2700
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 2713 (3) American Indian Literature
Surveys historical and contemporary North American Native American literature. Examines the continuity and incorporation of traditional stories and values in Native Literature, including novels, short stories and poetry.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENGL 2717
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 2732 (3) Survey of African American Literature 2
Surveys African American literature from the Depression to the present.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENGL 2737
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 2746 (3) Chicana/Chicano and Mexican Literature
Introduces Chicana and Chicano and Mexican literary studies, focusing on narrative works by Chicana and Chicano writers. Examines diverse range of Mexican writing in Greater Mexico as it addresses recurring issues and themes, including language, race and class, questions of identity and gender relations.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENGL 2747
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 2761 (3) Survey of Post-Colonial Literature
Surveys the development of literatures in English in former British colonies. Topics include the spread and adaptation of English language literary forms in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and the far new world (Australia and New Zealand). Students learn the causes of the dispersion and the motivations for the clearly different uses of English literary forms in the ex-colonies.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENGL 2767
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3015 (3) Asian Pacific American Communities
Covers the concepts, methods, and theories commonly used in community research, as well as substantive information on selected Asian/Pacific American communities. Emphasizes the ethical/political dimensions of community studies.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1025 or ETHN 2001.

ETHN 3024 (3) Introduction to Critical Sports Studies
Learn to think in an informed and critical way about sports in society. Examine the socio-cultural significance of sports as it relates to topics such as youth, social class, race/ethnicity, gender, identity, and intercollegiate athletics. Readings, class discussions, videos, and guest speakers will help expand our understanding of this important social phenomenon.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Asian American Studies

ETHN 3026 (3) Women of Color: Chicanas in U.S. Society
Critically explores the Chicana experience and identity. Examines issues arising from the intersection of class, race, and gender. Focuses on controversies surrounding culture and gender through an analysis of feminism and feminismo.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies
ETHN 3044 (3) Race, Class, Gender, and Crime  
Overview of race, class, gender and ethnicity issues in offending, victimization and processing by the justice system. Examines women and people of color employed in the justice system.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 3044 and WGST 3044  
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.  
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3101 (3) Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies  
Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem in ethnic studies as chosen by the instructor.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.  
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3102 (3) Selected Topics in African American Studies  
Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem concerning the African American presence, as chosen by the instructor. Sample offerings could include African American Pop Culture, the Civil Rights Movement, or other African American issues.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001.  
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 3103 (3) Selected Topics in American Indian Studies  
Examines a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem in American Indian Studies.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.  

ETHN 3104 (3) Selected Topics in American Studies  
Critically examines American identity and experiences, past and present, focusing on ethnicity, gender, popular culture, and political culture.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.  
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: American Studies

ETHN 3105 (3) Selected Topics in Asian American Studies  
Intensive examination of a topic or issue affecting Asian Americans, such as the Japanese American internment during World War II, or Asian American social movements or community organizations.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1025 or ETHN 2001.  

ETHN 3106 (3-6) Selected Topics in Chicana and Chicano Studies  
Intensive examination of a particular topic, theme, issue, or problem in Chicana and Chicano studies as chosen by the instructor.  
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536.  

ETHN 3136 (3) Chicana Feminisms and Knowledges  
Provides insight into the present socioeconomic condition of Chicanas and the concept of feminismo through interdisciplinary study of history, sociology, literary images, and film portrayals.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 3135  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536.  

ETHN 3201 (3-4) Multicultural Leadership: Theories, Principles and Practices  
Focuses on leadership theories and skills necessary for effectiveness in multicultural settings. Students gain understanding of traditional and culturally diverse approaches to leadership and change through comparative analyses of western and non-western theories and practices. Community service required.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: INVS 3100  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.  

ETHN 3212 (3) Introduction to Hip Hop Studies  
Examines critical questions posed by hip hop culture. Accentuated in this course are hip hop's contributions to the political-economic, philosophical, and sociological study of race, racism, sexism and sexuality. Examines the ways in which hip hop, as a new social phenomenon, cultural force and aesthetic form, have influenced contemporary American and global culture.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001.  

ETHN 3213 (3) American Indian Women  
Explores the experiences, perspectives, and status of American Indian women in historical and contemporary contexts. Examines representations of Indigenous women in mainstream culture. Emphasizes the agency of American Indian women-their persistence, creativity, and activism, especially in maintaining Indigenous traditions.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 3210  
Requisites: Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.  
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1023 or ETHN 2001 or WGST 2000 or WGST 2600.  
ETHN 3252 (3) African American Urban History
Fosters a better understanding and appreciation of the role African Americans have played in the evolution and shaping of urban America. Employs techniques of urban studies to more effectively assess the many dimensions, subtitles, and insensitivities of life in the city. S. and Afro-American history.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 and a working knowledge of U.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 3301 (3) Elements of Religion
Explores universal components of religion, as inferred from religions of the world, ranging from smaller-scale oral to larger-scale literate traditions.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ANTH 3300
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3314 (3) Violence Against Women and Girls
Focuses on aspects of the victimization of women and girls that are "Gendered" - namely, sexual abuse and intimate partner abuse. Also explores the importance of race, class, and sexuality in gendered violence.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 3314 and WGST 3314
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3403 (3) Indigenous Rights and Red Power Movement
Deals with historical events involving conflicts between the U.S. government and American Indians. Examples include the role of the FBI in the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation (1972-76) or the 1864 massacre of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians in Colorado territory. Additional courses may relate to tribal governments.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

ETHN 3575 (3) Japanese American Internment: Critical Thinking in Sociocultural Diversity
Offers a historical overview of the Japanese American experience in the United States. Introduces and explores fundamental issues inherent in the study of human beings from the perspective of cultural social difference.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1025 or ETHN 2001.

ETHN 3671 (3) People of Color and Social Movements
People of color the world over are struggling for sovereignty, independence, civil and human rights, food security, decent wages and working conditions, healthy housing, and freedom from environmental racism and other forms of imperialism. Course analyzes and brings alive these struggles.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

ETHN 3692 (3) African American Music: From Spirituals and the Blues to Rap/Hip Hop Soul
Offers an overview of the origins and evolution of African American music. Guides students through the musical history, as well as the social, political and cultural history, of the spirituals, blues, ragtime, jazz, gospel, freedom songs, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, soul, funk, disco, techno, house, rap and hip hop soul.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Recommended: Prerequisites ETHN 1022 and ETHN 2001 and ETHN 3212.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

ETHN 3701 (3) Gender, Sport and Culture
Critically examines the experiences of girls and women in American sport from a psycho-socio-cultural perspective with a particular emphasis on the constructs of gender, race, class and sexuality and how these constructs both independently and collectively mediate the female sport experience. Explores theories and interpretive frameworks from sport studies, feminist studies, race studies, psychology and cultural studies.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 3024.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3702 (3) African American Sport Experience
Provides a socio-cultural and historical overview of the contributions of African Americans (men and women) to sport in America. Focus is on the macro (patterns of behavior related to large-scale social structures and processes) and micro (behaviors we observe in society, often readily observable in the context of sport and exercise) level of sport analysis.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 3024.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences Departmental Category: Africana Studies
ETHN 3704 (3) Athlete as a National Symbol: Nationhood/Nationalism, Sport
Explores the nationalistic terrain of US sport as a way to understand how athletes became a symbol of nationhood and how they are influenced by, and themselves influence, other aspects of US society and culture. Using historical and contemporary examples, this course examines how race, gender, sexuality, economics and the media constructed the nationalistic world of sports today.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 3841 (1-6) Undergraduate Independent Study
Consult the Department of Ethnic Studies for information. Instructor consent required.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4001 (3) Screening Race, Class & Gender in the U.S. and the Global Borderland
Engaging with the ways in which racial, class, gender and sexual oppression intersect, this class examines several film productions by and about diasporic and subaltern subjects (especially children and women) in the U.S./Mexico borderlands, and the urban ethnic metropoles of the global borderlands.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CINE 4001 and ETHN 5001
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4006 (3) Chicana/Chicano Native American Cultures of the U.S.
Theoretically engaged seminar considers intersections of Chicana/o and Native American studies to shape our scholarly understanding of the U.S. and Mexico borderlands. Ethnographies, historical studies, novels, film, and music will be used to understand the processes of Spanish and Euro-American colonization, neocolonialism, identity formation, gender, syncretism, and mestizaje.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 4084 (3) Punishment, Law and Society
Places the current state of punishment in the U.S. in historical and cross national context. Examines key features of penal systems and key sociological theories about the relationship between punishment and society. Department enforced prerequisite: SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 4084
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4102 (3) Special Topics in Africana Studies
Variable topic that allows intensive coverage of a subject, theme, or issue in African American studies.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5102
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 4106 (3) Special Topics in Chicana and Chicano Studies
Examines a particular topic, theme, issue or problem concerning Chicana and Chicano studies.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 4106
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 4116 (3) Spoken Word Latinx Poetics and Poetry
This is a writing intensive workshop in contemporary poetry writing and Chicana/o and Latina/o poetics-specifically, Nuyorican and Afro-Latino (the Nuyorican Poets Cafe). The purpose of the course is dual-fold: 1) students will be encouraged and empowered to express and develop their poetic voice; 2) students will be challenged to develop and refine their poetic craft. Examines primarily Chicana and Latino specific poetic expression that reflects the cultural mestizaje of Chicano/a and Latina/o peoples.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5116
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Recommended: Requisite 6 credits in any ETHN class.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 4213 (3) Indigenous Futurisms: Speculative Genres and Native Tomorrows
Examines how Indigenous authors, artists and filmmakers have recently begun exploring the genres of Horror, Science Fiction and Fantasy. Considers this shift in light of past and present Native realities. Explores why this shift is happening now, how it helps communities and individuals make political statements, address/redress historical subjects and help to build better futures for us all.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 4232 (3) The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King Jr
An intensive exploration and examination of the life and thought of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Special emphasis on the stages of his life and their corresponding productions.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Africana Studies
ETHN 4233 (3) Native American and Indigenous Environmental Issues
Explores the unique knowledges, practices and perspectives of Native American and Indigenous peoples with regard to environmental issues, and how they both contrast with and complement dominant ways of knowing. Views central themes of Land, Plants, Animals, and Air/Water through political-ecological lenses. Critically assesses historical and contemporary Indigenous environmental matters in the contexts of colonial histories and tribal sovereignty.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5233
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1023 or ETHN 2013.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 4272 (3) W.E.B. Du Bois Seminar
Analyzes the life and thought of W.E.B. Du Bois for its contributions to interdisciplinary and intersectional studies. Emphasis will be placed on the innovative interdisciplinary and intersectional nature of Du Bois’s epistemology and research methodology, as well as his participation in radical political and social movements.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5272
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Ethnic Studies (ETHN) majors only.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 4306 (3) The Chicana and Chicano and U.S. Social Systems
Gives special attention to ways U.S. institutions (i.e., legal, economic, educational, governmental and social agencies) affect Chicanas and Chicanos. Discusses internal colonialism, institutional racism, assimilation and acculturation, and identity.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5306
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 or ETHN 2536 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Chicana/o Studies

ETHN 4353 (3) Indigenous Traditions and Law: A Global Perspective
Explores intersections of indigenous religions and law through historical and contemporary case studies. American Indian and Hawaiian contexts will be featured, as well as the study of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its recent implementation in places as diverse as Bolivia, Norway and Nagaland. Theoretical issues in the academic study of religion and ethnic studies will be emphasized.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5353 and RLST 4353 and RLST 5353
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4504 (3) Ethnic-American Autobiography
Investigates the genre of autobiography in America from its inception to the present. American autobiography has been associated with the invention of national character and, thus, is a site of cultural contestation and identity formation. Its changing form crosses disciplinary lines and provides a site for discourses on ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, age, family, religion and other American cultural conflicts.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Studies

ETHN 4552 (3) The Harlem Renaissance: Fr Black Wmn's Club Mvmnt to Hip Hop
Offers an interdisciplinary and intersectional overview of the origins and evolution of the Harlem Renaissance. Explores classic texts, music and works of art emerging from the Harlem Renaissance and related events and movements of its epoch: the Black Women's Club Movement, New Negro Movement, Pan-African Movement, Lost Generation, Jazz Age, World War I and World War II.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: HUMN 4552 and ETHN 5552
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 or ETHN 3212 (minimum grade D). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits ( Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 4553 (3) Indigenous Representations in the United States
Explores the unique knowledges, practices and perspectives of Native American and Indigenous peoples with regard to environmental issues, and how they both contrast with and complement dominant ways of knowing. Views central themes of Land, Plants, Animals, and Air/Water through political-ecological lenses. Critically assesses historical and contemporary Indigenous environmental matters in the contexts of colonial histories and tribal sovereignty.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5553
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Ethnic Studies (ETHN) majors only.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 1023.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: American Indian Studies

ETHN 4632 (3) Frantz Fanon Seminar
Analyzes the life and thought of Frantz Fanon for its contributions to interdisciplinary and intersectional studies. Emphasis will be placed on the innovative interdisciplinary and intersectional nature of Fanon’s psychology, sociology and philosophical anthropology, as well as his participation in African and Caribbean anti-colonial movements.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5632
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Ethnic Studies (ETHN) majors only.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 4672 (3) Seminar on the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements
A review of the ideas, events, persons, organizations oriented to the quest for African American social justice in the decade of the sixties.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits ( Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies
ETHN 4692 (3) Special Topics in Multicultural and Ethnic American Literature
Provides advanced in-depth study of literatures written by ethnic American authors. Texts may be drawn from a range of African-American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, Asian American, Native American or Indigenous literature traditions. Topics vary each semester.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENGL 4697
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of ETHN 1022 or ETHN 2001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Africana Studies

ETHN 4714 (3) Sport for Social Justice
Takes a look at the nuanced and controversial relationship between sport and peace. Although sport is heralded as a powerful tool for social good, drawing attention to causes such as conflict resolution, HIV prevention, environmental initiatives and improved international relationships, it also continues to reflect and reproduce social inequalities in ways commonly overlooked.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5714
Requisites: Restricted to students with 87-180 credits (Senior, Fifth Year Senior).
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 3024.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4841 (1-6) Independent Study
Work with an approved faculty sponsor to explore a topic in greater depth. Instructor consent required.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Recommended: Prerequisite ETHN 2001.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4951 (3) Senior/Graduate Seminar in Ethnic Studies
Capstone experience in Ethnic Studies. Includes an independent research project and public presentation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 5951
Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of ETHN 2001 and ETHN 3501 (all minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4961 (3) Honors Thesis 1
Supervised original research project in the field of ethnic studies. The goal is to complete progress on a written honors thesis that will be orally defended and submitted to the Honors Program of the College of Arts and Sciences. Department enforced prerequisite: application and acceptance into the ETHN Honors Program.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of ETHN 2001 and ETHN 4961 (all minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 87-180 credits (Senior, Fifth Year Senior) Ethnic Studies (ETHN) majors only.
Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies

ETHN 4971 (3) Honors Thesis 2
Supervised original research project in the field of ethnic studies. The goal is to complete progress on a written honors thesis that will be orally defended and submitted to the Honors Program of the College of Arts and Sciences. Department enforced prerequisite: application and acceptance into the ETHN Honors Program.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of ETHN 2001 and ETHN 4961 (all minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 87-180 credits (Senior, Fifth Year Senior) Ethnic Studies (ETHN) majors only.
Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course
Departmental Category: Crosscultural/Comparative Studies