INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Ethnic Studies is the interdisciplinary and intersectional study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and beyond the United States. We offer classes that engage the art, literature, politics, history, social movements, and lived experiences of racialized populations.

The Department of Ethnic Studies offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, Chicana and Latinx Studies, and Native American Studies. Along with African American Studies, we offer a Summer Minor in Race and Law.

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

The major in Ethnic Studies provides a core curriculum designed to develop an understanding of the experiences and communities of African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicana/Latinx, and Native Americans. Along with four lower division courses, students will complete eight upper division courses and have the opportunity to select elective courses from related departments.

All students in the department are required to satisfy four units of 197 field study doing community service work with organizations and programs that engage and support underrepresented communities on campus and in the surrounding community.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with one of the Centers for Educational Justice & Community Engagement
- Consider a minor in Race and the Law
- Enrich your studies with a Summer Abroad course (ETH STD N180) in Barcelona or Mexico City.
- Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race & Gender and Othering & Belonging Institute.
## FIRST YEAR
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements
- Enroll in ETH STD 101A. Introduction to Ethnic Studies.
- Discuss your academic plans with your college advisor.
- Enroll in three upper division courses with a focus on your major.

## SECOND YEAR
- Satisfy two additional elective courses if you have not already.
- Complete the three lower division prerequisites and meet with your major advisor to declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad.
- Enroll in courses ETH STD 101A or ETH STD 101B.

## THIRD YEAR
- Focus on upper division requirements and electives.
- Enroll in methods courses ETH STD 101A or ETH STD 101B.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask a major advisor about the Ethnic Studies Honors Program.

## FOURTH YEAR
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Satisfy the 197 field study requirement if you haven’t done so already.
- Enroll in ETH STD 190 “Advanced Seminar in Comparative Ethnic Studies.”

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- Students in the Ethnic Studies Program gain skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including teaching (K-12, community college and 4-year universities), counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, culture and arts, community and union organizing, social work, and positions in federal, state, and local governments as well as those at the city and county levels.

## Jobs and Employers
- Account Associate, Accenture
- Asst. Production Manager, Kaiser Business Dev. Consultant, Oracle Corp
- College Adviser, UC Berkeley
- Law Clerk, Booth and Koskoff Law Offices
- Project Specialist, UCSF Retention Specialist, SMCCD
- Teacher, Lick Wilmerding High School

## Graduate Programs
- Counseling, Masters
- City and Regional Planning, Masters
- Data Science, Masters
- Education, Masters, PhD
- Law, JD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

## Additional Resources
- Visit the Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter internship.
- Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.