Lewis & Clark College

Ethnic Studies Minor

The Ethnic Studies Program examines the social, cultural, and historical forces that have shaped cultural identity in the United States and around the globe. In order to recognize the complex aspects of ethnic identity, our program focuses on five themes:

- diaspora
- colonialism
- slavery
- genocide
- community formation

We explore these and related topics from a variety of perspectives, always conscious of how they intersect with gender, sexuality, class, and nation.

Learning Outcomes

Utilize critical thinking, writing, and speaking skills, as well as information literacy.

Define and use key concepts, terminology, and theoretical frameworks central to the interdisciplinary field of Ethnic Studies.

Analyze complex interconnections of ethnicity, gender, race, class, sexuality, ability, and other categories of power and identity in various spheres of human endeavor ranging from the sociopolitical to the aesthetic, and from the individual to the collective.

Demonstrate an openness to learning about people, cultures, and societies different from themselves and their own worlds.

Apply central concepts and theories from Ethnic Studies to their own life experiences and the world around them.

Minor Requirements

A minimum of **24 credits**, distributed as follows:

- 1) One class from the core:
 - **HIST 240**: Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.
 - **SOAN 225**: Race and Ethnicity in a Global Perspective
 - **HIST 243**: African American History since
- 2) **ETHS 400**: Ethnic Studies Colloquium (*4 credits*)
- 3) **16** additional elective credits

No more than **8 credits** in the same department. **12 credits** must be discrete to the minor and at least one of the elective courses must be taught at the **300** or **400** level.

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Ethnic Studies Electives

Art

207 Pre-Columbian Art

451 Special Topics in Art History (when topic is relevant)

Education

547 Race, Culture, and Power

By approval of the Graduate School of Education
and Counseling only.

English

319 Postcolonial Literature, Anglophone Africa, India, Caribbean

326 African American Literature

Ethnic Studies

345 Ethnic Studies Symposium Chair 400 Ethnic Studies Colloquium

French Studies

330 Francophone Literature

450 Special Topics (when topic is Minority Voices)

Hispanic Studies

230 Hispanic Literature in Translation (when topic is relevant)

360 Latin America and Spain: Pre-Columbian to Baroque

370 Latin America and Spain: Enlightenment to the Present

440 Topics in Hispanic Literatures (when topic is relevant)

450 Special Topics in Spanish (when topic is relevant)

446 Special Topics in Hispanic Literatures and Cultures (when topic is relevant)

History

134 United States: Revolution to Empire

135 United States: Empire to Superpower

141 Colonial Latin American History

142 Modern Latin American History

209 Japan at War

217 The Emergence of Modern South Asia

222 Britain in the Age of Revolution, 1688 to 1815

226 20th Century Germany

229 The Holocaust in Comparative Perspective

231 U.S. Women's History

239 Constructing the American Landscape

240 Race & Ethnicity in the United States

242 Borderlands: U.S.-Mexico Border, 16th Century to Present

243 African American History

328 The British Empire

335 History and Culture of American Indians

338 Crime and Punishment in the U.S.

345 Race and Nation in Latin America

347 Modern Mexico: Culture, Politics, and Economic Crisis

348 Modern Cuba

400 Reading Colloquium (when topic is relevant)

450 History Seminar (when topic is relevant)

International Affairs

230 African Politics

231 Latin American Politics

232 Southeast Asian Politics

296 Human Rights in International Relations

Latin American Studies

200 Latin American Cultural Studies

Music

106 Workshops in World Music

136 World Music: Asia

137 World Music: Latin America

142 Music and Social Justice

307 Topics in Music (when topic is relevant)

Political Science

313 International Political Theory

Psychology

390 Cross-Cultural Psychology

Rhetoric & Media Studies

313 Politics of Public Memory

315 Comparative Rhetoric

321 Argumentation and Social Justice

340 Media Across Cultures

406 Race, Rhetoric, and Resistance

Sociology/Anthropology

215 International Migration

225 Race and Ethnicity in Global Perspective

251 Myth, Ritual, and Symbol

261 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

266 Social Change in Latin America

270 Cultural Politics of Youth in East Asia

274 Chinese Culture Through Film

281 South Asian Cultures

285 Culture and Power in the Middle East

310 Religion, Society, and Modernity

324 Anthropology of Violence

334 Anthropology of Suffering

347 Borderlands: Tibet and the Himalaya

349 Indigenous Peoples: Identities and Politics

350 Global Inequality

355 African Migration and Diaspora

360 Colonialism and Postcolonialism

363 Imagining the Nation: Culture and Identity in Nation-State Formation

Theatre

382 American Theatre and Drama: 19th Century to Present

Please see our website and WebAdvisor for the current listings and special/new courses offered.