

ETHNIC STUDIES (ES)

ES-101 Introduction to Ethnic Studies

4 credits, Fall

This course uses an interdisciplinary approach to introduce the multifaceted experience of historically marginalized ethnic and racial groups in the US with an emphasis on Chicano/Latinx, African American, Native American/US First Nations, and Asian Americans. Students will explore theory of the development of race and ethnicity in the US, systemic oppression, comparative historical perspectives, and political resistance and movements, including modern abolitionism and de-colonization.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-098 or placement in WR-121

ES-211 Introduction to Latino/a/x Studies

4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

An introductory and survey course analyzing the historical context of Latinos in the United States (US). Beginning with pre-colonial societies on the American Continent, colonization, and moving to the modern Latinx diaspora. Special attention will be given to particular events that shaped and continue to influence the Latinx experience, such as the Mexican-American War, US expansionism, US immigration policy, the Chicano Movement, US foreign policy in Latin America, and the contemporary discourse regarding Latinx in the US.

Recommended Prerequisites: WR-121

ES-221 Introduction to Black Studies

4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

This is an introductory and survey course which analyzes factors that helped mold the African American experience, beginning with pre-colonial Africa to US contemporary socio-political, cultural, educational, and economic issues relevant to descendants of the African diaspora. Provides counter narratives to dominant perspectives on race, ethnicity, and Black identity.

Recommended Prerequisites: WR-121

ES-241 Introduction to Native American Studies

4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

An introductory, interdisciplinary analysis of issues impacting Indigenous lives and identities of North America, deconstructing myths and addressing historical and contemporary key issues in the field of Native American Studies from the counter-narrative perspective.

Recommended Prerequisites: WR-121