

MINOR IN ETHNIC STUDIES

College of Arts and Humanities

Ethnic studies includes the Ethnic Studies Institute and program. The institute sponsors cultural programming, grant writing, and research.

The program offers a minor to any student, regardless of major, who satisfactorily completes 18 semester hours of work in ethnic studies.

Study may lead to a multiethnic emphasis or to a concentration in one of the following areas:

- The **African American Studies** concentration offers an interdisciplinary course of study to students interested in the literary, historical, artistic, cultural, and sociological significance of African American culture.
- The **Asian American Studies** concentration offers an interdisciplinary and structured course of study to students interested in the philosophical, literary, historical, sociological, and cultural significance of Asian American culture.
- The Jewish American Studies **concentration** offers an interdisciplinary approach with a foundation in Jewish history, language, and literature, and cultural significance of Jewish American culture.
- The **Latino/a Studies** concentration offers an interdisciplinary course of study to students interested in the literary, political, artistic, and cultural significance of Latino/a American culture.
- The **Native American Studies concentration** offers an interdisciplinary course of study structured around the literary, historical, and cultural significance of Native American culture.

For current requirements and a list of approved courses in each specialization, consult the director of ethnic studies.

For each option currently offered there are, in addition to the relevant ethnic studies core courses, certain cognate courses. These cognate courses do not necessarily deal directly with ethnic group life but give an added dimension of social and historical background.

As soon as possible, students should register their intent to earn the minor with the director of the ESI. At the end of each semester, students should report the ethnic-related courses completed during the semester and the courses planned for the following semester to the director. An updated list of courses approved for credit is available each semester from the ESI before the advising and scheduling period. Students can use an approved ethnic-related course toward the completion of the minor in ethnic studies at the same time it is being used to fulfill their major, other minor, or elective requirements.

Students are encouraged to attend at least two cultural ethnic events - speakers, musical programs, art shows, theatre productions, or films - each year.