

ETHNIC STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies organizes cultural programming on diversity and offers a Minor in Ethnic Studies. The Ethnic Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with a critical understanding of the social, cultural, and historical experiences of racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Ethnic Studies enhances students' appreciation and understanding of race and ethnicity in their course of study, personal life, and future career, and prepares them for an increasingly diverse, multicultural, and global society.

The program offers a minor to any student, regardless of major, that requires eighteen credit hours of courses: a core course and five additional courses that the student selects from a wide range of disciplines, including, but not limited to: anthropology, communication studies, English, health, history, languages and cultures, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, and social work. The minor may lead to a multi-ethnic emphasis or to a concentration in one of the following areas:

- **African American Studies**
- **Asian American Studies**
- **Jewish American Studies**
- **Latino/a Studies**
- **Native American Studies**

Each concentration offers an interdisciplinary course of study to students interested in the literary, historical, artistic, cultural, economic, political, and sociological significance of the specific racial and/or ethnic group under study.

For current requirements and a list of approved courses in each specialization, including information on certain cognate courses and other related courses that may satisfy the minor requirements, students may consult with the Director of Ethnic Studies or visit The Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies website: <https://www.wcupa.edu/EthnicStudies/>.

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Programs

Minor

- Ethnic Studies (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/>)

Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/>)
- See academic policies. (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Degree Completion for the Minor in Ethnic Studies

As soon as possible, students should register their intent to earn the minor with the director of the Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies (IRES). 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 IRES 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.

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Courses

Course titles and descriptions for Ethnic Studies are listed under the
 relevant departments. Refer to the Minor in Ethnic Studies curriculum
 table ([https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/
 ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/](https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/)) for courses that apply to each
 concentration area.