ETHNIC STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Ethnic Studies Institute organizes cultural programming on diversity and oversees the 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, and will lead to a concentration in one of the following areas:

- African American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Jewish American Studies
- Latino/a Studies
- Native American Studies
- Multi-Cultural Studies

Each concentration offers an interdisciplinary course of study to students interested in the literary, historical, artistic, cultural, economic, political, and sociological significance of its racial and/or ethnic group. For each option currently offered, there are certain cognate courses in addition to the relevant ethnic studies core courses. These cognate courses do not necessarily deal directly with ethnic group life but give an added dimension of social and historical background.

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Minor in Ethnic Studies

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

Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/)

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 Ethnic Studies Institute (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.

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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 (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/
ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/) for courses that apply to each
concentration area.