

# ETHNIC STUDIES

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Ethnic Studies is an intellectual and political project that uses inter- and multidisciplinary approaches to understand and transform enactments of power, to which, in the modern era, productions of race and ethnicity have been central. The aim of Ethnic Studies is to provide students with an understanding of the historical processes (including slavery, capitalism, genocide, colonialism, nativism, war) that form the United States as a nation-state and as an imagined community, and their differential impact on diverse communities within local, national, and global contexts. The field of Ethnic Studies critically attends to research methodologies and frameworks of knowledge to examine how these legacies impact access to political power, allocate economic resources, and influence cultural expression. Ethnic Studies courses draw from and engage with a number of academic fields, including: post/decolonial studies, cultural studies, human rights studies, Indigenous studies, migration studies, legal studies, environmental studies, gender studies, sexuality and queer studies, and science and technology studies. Through a critical and comparative study of interlocking and intersecting systems of oppression embedded in the formation of the U.S. nation, students develop a greater understanding of the legacies of racism, discrimination, and inequity in the United States as well as of the movements for social justice. Students also learn about the diverse peoples of the Americas, specifically Indigenous and Latinx Peoples, and the African and Asian diasporas who have been historically displaced, disenfranchised, and silenced. Ethnic Studies seeks to provide a relevant education—one that has a deep commitment to justice, equity, and social and institutional transformation.

Housed in the College of Liberal Arts, the Ethnic Studies Department at Cal Poly encourages critical dialogue about race, ethnicity, and decolonization across the entire university curriculum. The department offers a number of courses that fulfill general education, Ethnic Studies, and United States Cultural Pluralism graduation requirements. A minor in Ethnic Studies is open to all majors and provides a useful complement to the differing types of inquiry used in the wide variety of disciplines throughout the University.

## Undergraduate Programs

- Comparative Ethnic Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/ethnic-studies/comparative-ethnic-studies-ba/>)

## Undergraduate Minors

- Ethnic Studies Minor (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/>)

## ES Courses

### ES 1112 Race, Culture, and Politics in the United States (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4A  
2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D1  
USCP

Interdisciplinary study of race and ethnicity as created by historical processes and U.S. American institutions (social, political, economic, legal and cultural institutions). Attention to interlocking systems of race, class, gender and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ES/HNRS 1112. Fulfills GE Area 4A (GE Area D1 for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP. Formerly ES 112.

### ES 1114 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Comparative Ethnic Studies major or Ethnic Studies minor.

Racial equality movements, including the history of Ethnic Studies (1960's and 70's), and the social practices, institutions, cultural representations/discourses, and public policies that construct and reinforce racism, racist ideology, and pseudo-scientific conceptions of race and intersections with gender and class. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

### ES 1134 Writing and Rhetoric (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 1A  
2020-26 catalogs: GE Area A2

Writing and rhetorical strategies and practices that produce sound academic writing. Foregrounds a process-based, recursive approach to writing. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 1A with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A2 for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 134.

**ES 1145 Writing, Reasoning, and Argumentation (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 1B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area A3

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1A with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A2 for the 2022-26 catalog). Recommended: Completion of GE Area 1C with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A1 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Principles of reasoning and argumentation. Application of these principles to written and oral communication. Effective use of research methods and sources. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 1B with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A3 for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 145.

**ES 1215 Planning Approaches to a Just City (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

USCP

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 4A (GE Area D1 for the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: ES 112 or ES 1112.

Current planning approaches to a more socially and spatially just city. Introduction to diverse communities served by planners, as well as appropriate community engagement techniques. Relationship of historical planning practices to current impediments to a socially and spatially just city. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as CRP/ES 1215. Fulfills USCP.

**ES 2200 Special Problems for Undergraduates (1-4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Supervised investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Repeatable up to 4 units. Formerly ES 200.

**ES 2220 African American Popular Culture (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3A

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C1

USCP

Cultural studies analysis of the representations and counter-representations of and by African Americans. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP.

**ES 2221 Native American Popular Culture (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3A

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C1

USCP

Analysis of Native American popular arts and culture with an emphasis on the social and political significance of the artworks. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP.

**ES 2222 Asian American Popular Culture (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3A

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C1

USCP

Analysis of Asian American popular arts and culture with an emphasis on the social and political significance of the artworks. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP.

**ES 2223 Latina/o/x Popular Culture (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3A  
2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C1  
USCP

Cultural studies analyses of the representations of and representations produced by Latinxs/Latinas/Latinos. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP.

**ES 2252 Global Origins of Race in the U.S. (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6  
2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Explores global origins of race in the United State, including forced slavery, removal, displacement, and migration of Native Americans, Latinas/os/xs, African Americans, and Asian Americans. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 252.

**ES 2253 Introduction to American Indian Studies (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6  
2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Introduction to social, political, economic, legal, and cultural traditions of American Indians in the U.S. Special attention to the interlocking systems of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 253.

**ES 2254 Introduction to African American Studies (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6  
2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Introduction to social, political, economic, legal, and cultural traditions of African Americans in the U.S. Special attention to the interlocking systems of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 254.

**ES 2255 Introduction to Latina/o/x Studies (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6  
2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Introduction to social, political, economic, legal, and cultural traditions of Chicanas/os/xs and Latinas/os/xs in the U.S. Special attention to the interlocking systems of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 255.

**ES 2256 Introduction to Asian American Studies (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP  
2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6  
2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Introduction to social, political, economic, legal, and cultural traditions of Asian Americans in the U.S. Special attention to the interlocking systems of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 256.

**ES 2270 Special Topics (1-4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures. Formerly ES 270.

**ES 3300 Chicana/o/x Non-Fiction Literature (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Overview of contemporary Chicana/o/x non-fiction literature since 1848. Covers thematic concerns, literary criticism, literary techniques, historical and socio-cultural factors influencing non-fiction Chicana/o/x literature. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 300.

**ES 3301 Latina/o/x Literature of the United States (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Latina/o/x literature written by/for/about Latinas/os/xs in the United States. Literary representation of Latinas/os/xs in the United States related to race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, etc. Primary focus on Latina/o/x literary texts in the 20th to the 21st centuries. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 301.

**ES 3302 Chicana/o/x Literature (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Chicana/o/x literature written by/for/about Chicanas/os/xs in the United States. Literary representation of Chicanas/os/xs in the United States related to race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, etc. Primary focus on Chicana/o/x literary texts in the mid 20th to early 21st centuries. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 302.

**ES 3303 Latina/o/x Poetry (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Significant Latina/o/x poetry and poetics from the 19th century to the present. Genre, form, content, politics, and poetics of Latina/o/x writers of poetry. Comparisons/contrasts of different Latina/o/x ethnic poets and their poetry in different historical periods. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 303.

**ES 3304 Race and American Literature (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6

2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Comparative approach to the Native American, African American, Asian American and/or Latina/o/x literary canons. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 304.

**ES 3310 Hip-Hop, Poetics, and Politics (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Dynamics of hip-hop culture, its historical development, political significance, and social influence. How hip-hop exemplifies cross-cultural hybridization within not only African American communities, but also amongst Native American, Latina/o/x, and Asian American communities in the United States and beyond. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP.

**ES 3311 Beyonce: Race, Feminism, and Politics (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Examine Beyonce's body of work as a lens through which to explore popular constructions and representations of race, gender, and sexuality. Course employs a feminist of color framework to interrogate social and political institutions. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog).

**ES 3312 Race and Media Studies (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6

2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Engagements with qualitative analysis, social, cultural, and political theories, and power relations related to the representations of Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans and Latinas/os/xs in the contemporary mass media in the United States. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 312.

**ES 3324 Chicana/o/x Film (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Exploration of how Chicanas/os/xs and their experiences are represented in major films by/for/about them in the United States. Visual/popular culture and film theories, race and representation. Film genre and key film concepts. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 324.

**ES 3325 African American Genders and Sexualities (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Issues around genders and sexualities that influence the social, political, economic and cultural development of African Americans, and challenging anti-Black thought as related to African American sexual expression. Special attention given to racism, intersectionality, and myths about African American sexuality and gender conventions. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP.

**ES 3330 Chinese American Experiences (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

History and current status of Chinese Americans, with emphasis on the international contexts, organizations and institutions of Chinese America, and on Chinese Americans' demographic compositions, spatial patterns, and cultural, socioeconomic, and political adaptation experiences. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP.

**ES 3335 Filipina/o/x American Experiences (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

An interdisciplinary examination of the historical development of Filipinx American identities and communities. The social, cultural and political institutions that have influenced Filipinx immigration, participatory citizenship, activism and cultural practices. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP.

**ES 3340 Cultural Production and Ethnicity (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Culture and ethnicity as key factors in the production, perception, and interpretation of art and the humanities. Critical analysis of cultural attitudes and knowledge in expressive arts and cultural production, and of the contexts of cultural production as reflective of ethnicity. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 12 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ES 340.

**ES 3345 Queer Ethnic Studies (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Theories, research, and methods focused on the interlocking systems of sexuality, race, racialization, and ethnicity in local, national and comparative global/transnational contexts. Relationships between racialization and heteronormativity. Queer of color critique, queer migration, decolonizing queer organizing, theory, and knowledge production. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as ES/WGQS 3345. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES/WGS 345.

**ES 3350 Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 2/5

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area B

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 5B (GE Area B2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: one course in Computer Science, Data Science, or Statistics.

Examines the complex relationships between gender, race, culture, science, and technology via intersectional quantitative and qualitative inquiry, centering the perspectives/contributions of historically marginalized people in the United States. Explores, evaluates, and develops proposals to create more diverse, equitable, ethical, humane science/technology. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Crosslisted as ES/HNRS/WGQS 3350. Fulfills GE Areas Upper-Division 2 or Upper-Division 5 (GE Area Upper-Division B for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly ES 350/HNRS 353/WGQS 350.

**ES 3351 Gender, Race, Class, Nation: Critical Computing and Engineering Studies (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Explores the new fields of Critical Computing and Engineering Studies. Relationships of engineering and computer science with the interlocking systems of gender, race, class, and nation. Coloniality, decoloniality, and development. Liberatory design futures in local, national, comparative transnational contexts. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as ES/WGQS 3351. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ES/WGQS 351.

**ES 3360 Indigeneity and the Land (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Comparative study of how Indigenous cultures shape landscapes and allocate the use of natural resources. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP.

**ES 3380 Critical Race Theory (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2022-26 catalog).

History and evolution of the critical race theory movement. Defining issues of the field; in particular, the relationship between race, power and the law. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2022-26 catalog) and USCP. Formerly ES 380.

**ES 3381 Social Constructions of Whiteness (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

The investigation of the social construction of race in the United States through historicizing the category of 'whiteness.' Why 'white' was invented as a racial category and how white privilege has been sustained through social, political, economic and legal practices. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES 381.

**ES 3382 Racial Capitalism (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 6

2020-26 catalogs: F Ethnic Studies

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); and completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog).

Advanced investigation of the theoretical and historical linkages between race, economic exploitation, and struggles for liberation. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 6 (GE Area F for students on the 2022-26 catalog). Formerly ES 382.

**ES 3390 Research Methodology in Comparative Ethnic Studies (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and two of the following: ES 252, ES 253, ES 254, ES 255, ES 256, ES 2252, ES 2253, ES 2254, ES 2255, or ES 2256.

Theory and practice of research methodology in comparative ethnic studies. Qualitative methodologies examined along with ethical practices. Issues of race in research practice and use foregrounded. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly ES 390.

**ES 4400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1-4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Repeatable up to 4 units. Formerly ES 400.

**ES 4401 Ethnic Studies: Theoretical Foundations (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and Comparative Ethnic Studies major or Ethnic Studies minor.

Traces the historical development of racism, seeking to understand the complex ways in which race has functioned in the Americas with a focus on how Ethnic Studies intellectuals have continuously responded to these structures. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

**ES 4402 Decolonial Theory (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and Comparative Ethnic Studies major or Ethnic Studies minor.

Traces the emergence, development, and practical expression of the "Coloniality/Decoloniality School" and the three key concepts upon which it has been built: modernity, coloniality, and decoloniality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

**ES 4403 Feminist and Queer/Trans of Color Theories (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2022-26 catalog); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2022-26 catalog); and Comparative Ethnic Studies major or Ethnic Studies minor.

Historical development of feminist of color and queer/trans of color theories seeking to understand the complex ways gender, race, and sexuality function in the Americas with emphasis on how feminist of color and queer/trans of color intellectuals have continuously responded to oppressive structures. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

**ES 4406 Indigenous Peoples, International Law, and Policy (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and ES 253 or ES 2253.

Interdisciplinary examination of the evolution of international law as it impacts Indigenous Peoples across the Americas. Addresses contemporary Indigenous movements within the international legal system. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly ES/NR 406.

**ES 4410 Community Engaged Scholarship (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Traces the historical and current forms of community engagement, activism, and social change across communities of color in the United States. Focus on activist movements and activist-related knowledge paradigms. Emphasis on self-determination and community empowerment. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly ES 410.

**ES 4461 Senior Project (4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Senior standing; ES 390 or ES 3390; and consent of department chair.

Completion of a project under faculty supervision. Results presented in a formal paper or project. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly ES 461.

**ES 4470 Special Advanced Topics (1-4 units)**

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures. Formerly ES 470.