Ethnic Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the historical, political, social, and cultural realities that have shaped the development of America’s diverse ethnic populations. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the field, courses draw from a variety of disciplines such as literature, history, political, sociology and cultural studies. The deep and broad focus of Ethnic Studies not only prepares students for understanding the experiences of the various racialized minorities in the United States, but also helps them understand and examine contemporary American society at large, as well as the important continuities and commonalities across other national and racial boundaries. In today’s culturally diverse world, a major in Ethnic Studies is a valuable asset and will train students in creative and critical thinking, complex reasoning, and effective communication. In addition, ethnic studies graduates will have cultural competency skills that are highly valued by employers, especially those in sales and service areas. Other occupations that employ many ethnic studies graduates include: teaching, journalism, marketing, public relations, law, community and union organizing, social work, counseling, and public health. Ethnic studies graduates also find work in non-profit agencies and in federal, state and local government agencies.

**RELATED OCCUPATIONS**

- Archivist
- Business manager
- Campaign worker
- Community organizer
- Community planner
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Editor
- Educator
- Employment counselor
- Foreign affairs officer
- Historian
- Human resource specialist
- Human services worker
- Journalist
- Judge
- Lawyer
- Lecturer
- Legislative aide
- Lobbyist
- Nonprofit Manager
- Officer
- Professor
- Psychologist
- Public policy administrator
- Public relations consultant
- Researcher
- School administrator
- Social activist
- Social scientist
- Social worker
- Teacher
- Urban/regional planner
- Writer

**WORK SETTINGS**

- Advertising or public relations agencies
- Community mental health centers
- Community organizational programs
- Community social service agencies
- Consulting firms
- Educational institutions
- Ethnic organizations at a local level for city, county, state or federal government
- Foreign service departments
- Government and state agencies
- Hospitals
- Labor union agencies
- Law firms
- Museums
- Newspapers/magazines
- Non-profit agencies
- Public interest groups
- Publishing companies
- Religious organizations
- Research centers
- Schools and universities
- Social and human services agencies
- Trade and international organizations

**JOB SEARCH LINKS & CAREER INFORMATION**

**African-American Oriented Resources**

- BET.COM  
  http://www.bet.com/
- Black America Web.com  
  http://www.blackamericaweb.com/
- Black American West Museum and Heritage Center  
  http://www.blackamericanwestmuseum.org/

**Asian-American Oriented Resources**

- Asian American Journalists Association  
  http://www.aaja.org/
- Asian American Resource Workshop  
  http://www.aarw.org/
- Asian American Theatre Company  
  http://www.asianamericantheater.org/

- Black Voices.com  
  http://www.blackvoices.com/
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
  http://www.naacp.org/
- National Urban League, Inc.  
  http://www.nul.org/
- Asian Avenue Magazine Resources  
  http://asianavenuemagazine.com/resources/
- Asian Pacific Development Center  
  http://apdc.org/
- National Association of Asian American Professionals  
  http://www.naaap.org

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**Chicano/Latino Oriented Resources**
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
  http://www.chci.org
- I-hispano.com
  http://www.ihispano.com/
- Latpro.com Job Board
- League of Latin American Citizens
  http://www.lulac.org/
- Saludos.com Job Board
  http://www.saludos.com/
- Society for Chicanos in Science
  http://www.sacnas.org/

**Native American Oriented Resources**
- American Indian College Fund
  http://www.collegefund.org/
- Colorado Indian Education Foundation
  http://coief.org/
- Financial Aid to Native American Students
  http://www.naid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml
- Native Web
  http://www.nativeweb.org/
- Society for Native Americans in Science
  http://www.sacnas.org/

**Diverse Chambers of Commerce**
- Colorado Asian Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.asianchambercommerce.org/
- Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.coloradoblackchamber.org/
- Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.hispanicchamberdenver.com/
- National Black Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.nationalbcc.org/
- United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.ushcc.com/

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**
- American Studies Association
  http://www.theasa.net/
- Critical Ethnic Studies Association
  https://criticalethnicstudies.org/
- The National Association for Ethnic Studies
  http://ethnicstudies.org/jobs/job-opening
- The Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas
  http://www.mesea.org/