



Career Brief

ETHNIC STUDIES



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

Some of these options require additional training and/or education.

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/>
- 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-American Oriented Resources

- Asian American Journalists Association
<http://www.aaaja.org/>
- Asian American Resource Workshop
<http://www.aarw.org/>
- Asian American Theatre Company
<http://www.asianamericantheater.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
<http://www.latpro.com/index.php>

- 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.usbcc.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/>

