

CU Denver

Master of Humanities and Master of Social Science Program

Ethnic Studies Track

Overview

Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary track for completing the Master of Humanities (MH) or Master of Social Science (MSS) degree that equips students with the tools and resources to critically analyze the structural basis of historical and contemporary social problems related to the experiences of diverse racial and ethnic groups. Students pursuing the Ethnic Studies track explore the construction of race and ethnicity by governments and communities through the intersection of popular culture and public policy in both the historical and contemporary contexts. Students further construct understandings of self and ethnic identifications as they apply through the individualization of social and cultural identity. Courses in the track explore how students' can learn to evaluate and develop social policies aimed at the resolution of the social and political problems associated with race and ethnicity as well as establish strategies for beginning alliances across all social groups and working toward progressive social change.

Total required credit hours for the track in conjunction with earning the MSS Degree: 36 credit hours to include 9 hours of Social Science (SSCI) or Humanities (HUMN) core courses, 15 credit hours of Ethnic Studies related courses, and 3-6 credit hours dedicated to a culminating project or thesis on an ethnic studies theme. The remaining credit hours are to be divided between electives and (where possible) an internship. Students admitted for the track will meet the same admissions standards as those admitted to the Master of Humanities or Master of Social Science Program.

Targeted Audience

This program is relevant for students with an interest in a variety of future careers where individuals work with diverse populations and require intercultural communication/navigation/appreciation skills: diplomats, education administrators, international aid workers, journalists, lawyers, legislators, public health providers, or social service providers. Students may go directly into the job market or can use the track/option as background and a stepping-stone toward a PHD, JD, or other advanced degrees.

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Master of Humanities or Master of Social Science Core Requirements:

Required Core MSS courses

SSCI 5020 Foundations and Theories in Interdisciplinary Social Science (every fall)

SSCI 5013 Methods and Practices in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (every spring)

SSCI 5023 Research Perspectives in the Social Sciences (every spring)

OR

Required Core MH courses:

HUMN 5025 Foundations and Theories in Interdisciplinary Humanities (every fall)

HUMN 5013 Methods and Practices in Interdisciplinary Humanities (every spring)

HUMN 5924 Directed Research and Readings in Interdisciplinary Humanities (every spring)

Ethnic Studies Track Requirements: In addition to the program's core required courses, the following are required:

1. Complete one 3-credit hour Ethnic Studies methods and/or theory course. Choose one of the following
 - ETST 5000 Research Methods in Ethnic Studies
 - EDFN 5010: Problematizing Whiteness: Educating for Racial Justice
2. A *minimum* of 12-credit hours of Ethnic Studies-related graduate course work, and
3. Complete a final project or thesis on a Ethnic Studies-related topic

Below is a list of pre-approved courses for the track. Be aware that it is not comprehensive and that departments change their offerings regularly. Always check with the department to see when a given course might be scheduled.

ANTH 5070 Culture of Development and Globalization

ANTH 5170 Culture and the Environment

ANTH 5220 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective

ANTH 5350 Anthropology of Globalization

COMM 5250 Difference Matters and Organizational Communication

COMM 5270 Intercultural Communication

EDFN 5050 Critical Issues in American Education

ENGL 5220 African American Literature

ENGL 5460 Contemporary World Literature

ENGL 5770 Harlem Renaissance

HIST 5055 The Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and U.S.

HIST 5308 Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History

HIST 5412 Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border

HIST 5415 Social Revolutions in Latin America

HIST 5455 African Struggle for Independence

HIST 5462 Islam in Modern History

HUMN 5770 Imperialism, Post-colonial Theory, and Visual Discourse

SSCI 5540 Law, Diversity and Community in US History

PSCI 5007 Beyond Political Correctness

PSCI 5094 Urban Politics

PSCI 5145 Indigenous Politics

PSCI 5206 Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics

PSCI 5256 National Question and Self Determination

PSCI 5245 Gender in International Development

PSCI 5374 Public Priorities for the 21st Century

PSCI 5446 Advanced Indigenous People's Politics

PSCI 5545 Immigration Politics

PSCI 5914 Community Development

SOCY 5440 Social Inequality

SOCY 5050 Health Disparities

SOCY 5680 Hate Groups and Group Violence

SOCY 5690 Crime and Inequality over the Life Course

SPAN 5020 Spanish Sociolinguistics

SPAN 5060 Dialects of the Spanish-Speaking World

SPAN 5076 Spanish in Colorado

SPAN 5080 Spanish in the US

SPAN 5521 Mexican Literature 1: Pre-Columbian and Colonial

SPAN 5522 Mexican Literature 2: 19th to 21st centuries

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