Ethnic Studies (BA/BS)

Our department looks at the way that race is tied to many other issues, including gender, class, sexuality, migration, indigeneity, and colonialism. With our students, we investigate and critique examples of white supremacy, both historical and present. We focus not only on race in the United States, but also on migrations and diasporas (such as those that result from the slave trade, settler colonialism, and globalization).

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Understand the relationship of race and ethnicity to power and inequality, with special emphasis on intersections with class, gender, immigration, indigeneity and sexuality.
- Explain how white domination and a culture of white supremacy work historically and in the present to create legal, economic, social, and political hierarchies within and between racial and ethnic groups.
- Understand the racial formation of at least two groups within the U.S., including transnational connections when appropriate, from among the following: Native Americans, African American and other Black communities, Chicana/os and Latina/os, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.
- Analyze conflicts, tensions, and building of effective intra- and intergroup coalitions and alliances among racial groups.
- Analyze cultural production generated by and about communities of color, especially as they speak to relationships of power.
- Articulate clearly, coherently, and convincingly the major concepts and theories in ethnic studies through critical writing and oral communication.
- Engage in original research that culminates in a research paper that reflects and utilizes a comprehensive understanding of ethnic studies methodologies and theories, synthesizes and applies knowledge from earlier ethnic studies coursework, and attends to the details of evidence and argumentation in knowledge production.
- Understand the principles of community-oriented action and research.

Ethnic Studies Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Lower Division		
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	4
Select one of the following:		4
ES 250	Introduction to Black Studies	
ES 252	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
ES 254	Introduction to Chicanx and Latinx Studies	
ES 256	Introduction to Native American Studies	
ES 258	Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies	
Additional 100- or 200-level course		4
Upper Division		
ES 301	Theoretical Perspectives in Ethnic Studies	4
Two 400-level courses		8
Six additional 300- or 400-level courses		24
Total Credits		**48**

Majors must construct their programs in consultation with an ethnic studies advisor. At least 24 of the required upper-division credits must be taken in residence at the University of Oregon. Courses applied to the major must be taken for letter grades and passed with grades of mid-C or better. Majors must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.00 in courses applied to the major. Students majoring in ethnic studies may apply credits in Research: [Topic] (ES 401) and Reading and Conference: [Topic] (ES 405) toward their degree only if completed with letter grades of mid-C or better. Practicum: [Topic] (ES 406) may be applied toward the major on a graded or pass/no pass basis.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	4	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
First term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
ES 250 or ES 252 or ES 254 or ES 256 or ES 258	Introduction to Black Studies or Introduction to Asian American Studies or Introduction to Chicanx and Latinx Studies or Introduction to Native American Studies or Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies	4	
Second term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
WR 122Z	Composition II	4	
Multicultural course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
Lower-division ethnic studies course		4	
Third term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
Multicultural course		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4	
First term of second-year second-language sequence		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4	

Second term of second-year second-language sequence		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Third Year		
Fall		
ES 301	Theoretical Perspectives in Ethnic Studies	4
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Upper-division course with an ES subject code		4
General-education course in social science		4
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in science		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Three elective courses		12
400-level ethnic studies elective		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Three elective courses		12
400-level ethnic studies elective		4
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

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Course	Title	Credits Milestones
First Year		
Fall		
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Mathematics course		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
ES 250 or ES 252 or ES 254 or ES 256 or ES 258	Introduction to Black Studies or Introduction to Asian American Studies or Introduction to Chicanx and Latinx Studies or Introduction to Native American Studies or Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies	4
Mathematics course		4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Lower-division ethnic studies course		4
Mathematics course		4
Elective courses		8
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Second Year		
Fall		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
Multicultural course		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
Multicultural course		4
General-education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4
General-education course in social science		4

Elective courses		8
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
ES 301	Theoretical Perspectives in Ethnic Studies	4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in science		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in science		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in science		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	

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Fourth Year			
Fall			
Upper-division ethnic studies course		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in science		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Three elective courses		12	
400-level ethnic studies elective		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
Three elective courses		12	
400-level ethnic studies elective		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	