Ethnic Studies Minor

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.”

~ Maya Angelou

Ethnic Studies at Central Washington University uses inter- and multidisciplinary approaches to study the lives and experiences of Indigenous, African, Latino/a, Asian and White ethnic people in the United States. It is an important and valuable area of study that is indispensable to the academic experience of all students.

The Ethnic Studies curriculum provides students with unique forms of critical inquiry that advance their analysis of race, ethnicity, and cultural difference in an increasingly heterogeneous and complex world. Courses in Ethnic Studies examine the social construction of ethnic identities, how social hierarchies frame access to political power, allocate economic resources, and influence cultural expression.

By critically exploring such issues, students develop not only a greater understanding of the legacy of racism, discrimination, and injustices in the United States, but also a greater appreciation for new and emerging knowledge about diverse American peoples and their global and trans-national connections.

**Required Courses (15 credits)**
- ETS 101 Ethnic Awareness (5)
- ETS/SOC 354 Minority Experience (5)
  OR SOC 365 Minority Groups (5)
- SOC 386 Seminar on Racism (5)

**Approved Electives (27 credits)**

**Department Approved Electives (9-15 credits)**
- ETS 296 Individual Study (1-6)
- ETS 311 The Asian American (5)
- ETS 371 Survey of American Indian Studies (5)
- ETS 398 Special Topics (5)
- ETS 471 Issues in American Indian Education (5)
- ETS 490 Contracted Field Experience (1-12)
- ETS 496 Individual Study (1-6)
- COM 302 Intercultural Communication (4)
- ENG 247 Multicultural Literature (4)
- ENG 330 African American Literature (4)
- ENG 331 Latino/a Literature (4)
- ENG 332 Native American Literature (4)
- ENG 333 Asian American Literature (4)
- ENG 334 Native America Oral Literature (4)
- TH 382 Ethnic Drama (4)
- PHIL 320 American Indian Philosophy (5)
- PHIL 357 Philosophy of Race (5)
- AIS 101 Pre-contact Period AI (5)
- AIS 102 Contact Period AI (5)
- ANTH 356 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
- SOC 305 American Society (5)
- SOC 362 Social Movements (5)
- SOC 366 Sociology of American Indians (5)
- SOC 445 Social Inequality (5)
- SOC 446 Sociology of Immigration (5)
- POSC 316 Latinos in the U.S. Political System (5)

Total credits 27-36

*These courses can be considered as pre-approved but all ETS Electives must be approved by ETS director.

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